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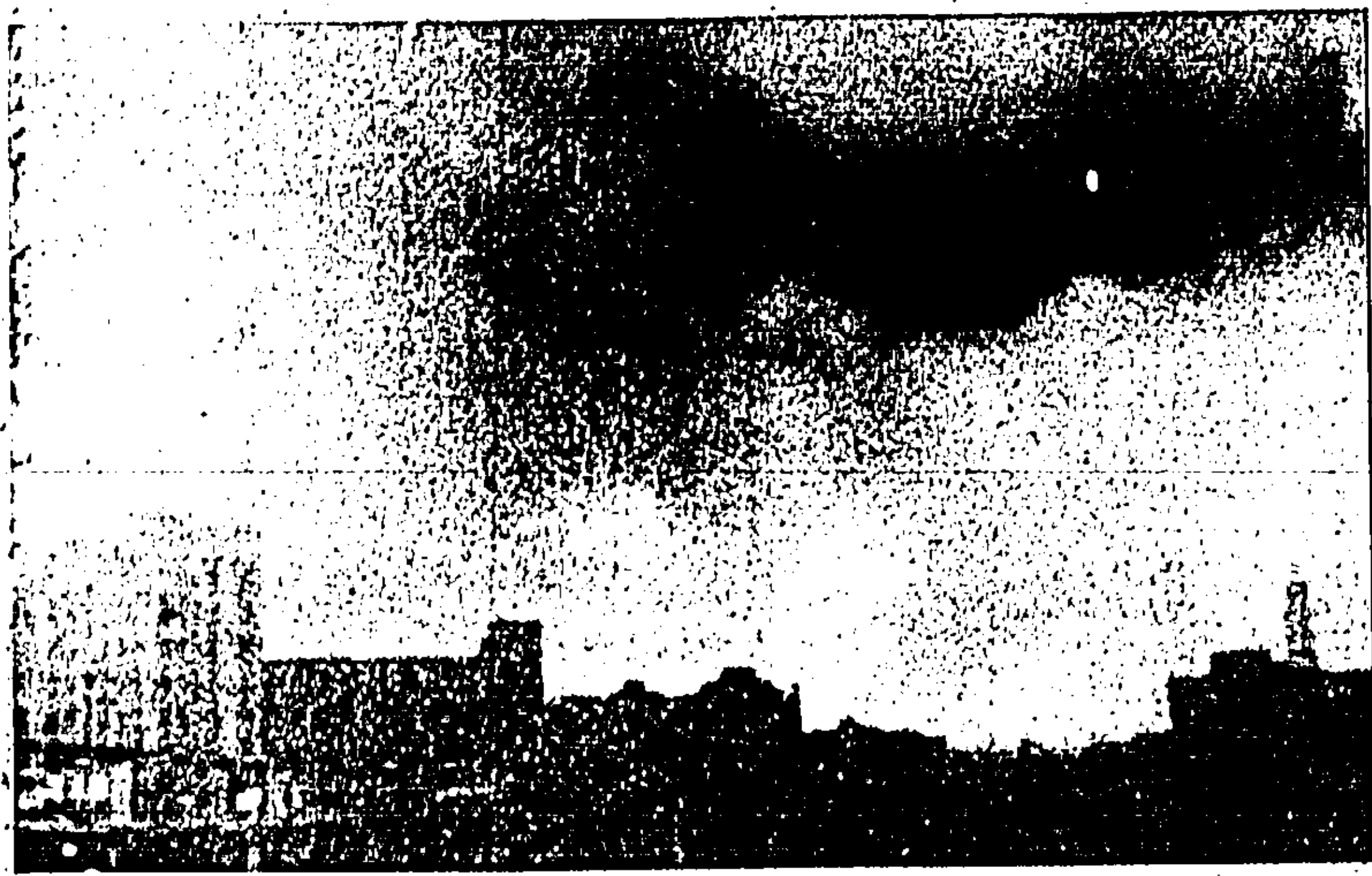
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KMT bombing of Shanghai



Still hope for S'hai evacuation

There is still hope for the mercy-ship General Gordon to carry out the Shanghai evacuation within the next 12 hours.

An official of the American President Lines' Hong Kong Office, said last evening that there is a remote possibility of the General Gordon being advised to turn round for the Yangtze Estuary.

Meanwhile, it is understood, efforts are still being made to persuade the Communist authorities to permit passage of the LST's which were to ferry the evacuees up and down the Whangpoo while the General Gordon rides at anchor outside the Yangtze.

A Tokyo spokesman for the American President Lines said today the two converted landing craft at present off Shanghai may ferry 2,000 foreign refugees from Shanghai to Nagasaki, Japan, if the Communist authorities permit them to dock, according to United Press.

The General Gordon, which originally was to take on passengers from the two LST's off the mouth of the Yangtze River, will arrive in Yokohama on Saturday from Hong Kong. It will proceed on to Hawaii if no further word is received from the Communists.

Mr. George Danzey, American President Lines manager in Japan, said: "There are 400 cars and 200 bunks on each LST, and if enough passengers do not mind standing all the 2,000 could be ferried to Nagasaki. The trip would take 48 hours."

Mr. Danzey said the landing craft were equipped for such an emergency but it still was up to the Communists whether they would permit the LST's to go up the unlined but narrow channel of the Yangtze River.

American President Lines officials in Yokohama said this morning there is no indication, the Chinese Communists have withdrawn their ban against entry of two landing craft into Shanghai to remove evacuees who want to leave that Nationalist-bombed, Red-held city, adds Associated Press.

LABOUR TO CALL STRATEGY MEET

London, March 23. Leaders of the Labour Party have decided to call a secret conference in May to plan their strategy for the next General Election.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, Cabinet Ministers and members of the Party Executive will attend.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 8:00 GMT (3 p.m. HKST) a moderate anti-cyclone over Japan and Manchuria. The depression over the Eastern Sea is deepening rapidly and moving ENE. Gradients are slight over the China Sea and Philippines. Light E winds, probably freshening from NE later. Cloudy and misty. Warm at first, becoming cooler.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 77.5 deg. F. Minimum: 62.5 deg. F. Sunshine: 5.3 hours. Rainfall: 0.4 mm. = 0.01 in. Total since Jan. 1—19.4 mm. = 0.76 in. as against an average of 13.0 mm. = 0.51 in.

Readings at 1 p.m. Sun. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Mon. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Tues. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Wed. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Thurs. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Fri. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Sat. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F. Sun. at 11.00 a.m. 10.0 deg. F.



The above pictures were taken during one of the big raids by Nationalist planes on Shanghai last month. Top photo shows smoke rising from Nantao and the waterfront along the Rongchow Creek. The Wing On Company tower can be seen at the extreme right. Bottom picture was taken during the bombing of the Nantao Bund. The roofs of Sassoon House and the Bank of China Building are on the right.

Chinese Reds' air strength small, Taipeh maintains

The Chinese Communists cannot have more than 50 planes, including transports, according to the independent vernacular "Wah Kiu Yat Po" quoting semi-official sources at Taipeh.

The newspaper added that it was officially learned that the Communist air strength for war purposes cannot compare with the Nationalist Air Force.

The same newspaper reported that the Nationalists are planning a large-scale counter-offensive on the Mainland to be carried out in the latter part of summer and the early part of autumn.

Quoting reliable sources, it added that it is believed that the Chinese Communists would have an air force within six months built up with the aid of Soviet Russia.

The counter-attack would be launched before the new Chinese regime is able to put a sizeable air force in the air. From Hainan Island, General Hsueh Yueh, Garrison Commander-in-Chief, sent a number of planes on Wednesday to scatter some 500,000 leaflets at various points along the mainland coast.

The leaflets urged the Communist troops to turn against their commanders in the interests of themselves and the people of China.

The leaflets said that one out of every 10 men who attempt to cross the waters to invade Hainan would lose their lives. The "Sing Tao Jih Pao" reported from Canton that the Communist authorities have given merchants up to the end of the month to take up their allocations of Victory Bonds.

More than 10,000 students and teachers have been mobilized to tour the city, to persuade the merchants and shopkeepers to buy Victory Bonds.

Story of raid

The story of the Nationalist raid, which transformed the obscure little town of Sungmen into at least a symbolic Dieppe, was, meanwhile, told by the crew of the "warship" Mei Xi, which took part in amphibious operations which led to the town's capture, according to Associated Press.

In the early hours of March 15, the Mei Xi and other Nationalist warships opened fire on Com-

FAMINE IS SPREADING ALL OVER CHINA

Millions affected South of Yangtse, Peking says

DISEASE EPIDEMIC

San Francisco, March 23.

Peking Radio today reported famine was spreading from East China into Central and South China, covering almost half of all China including the most densely populated area.

The famine originally centred around a 200,000-square mile area between the Yangtze and Yellow Rivers near the Eastern coast—the provinces of Shantung, Kiangsu and Honan.

The broadcast, quoting a Communist news agency report from Hankow, said millions more were being affected South of the Yangtze River encompassing the provinces of Hunan, Kiangsi and Kwangtung, reaching as far as the South China coast.

Chinese Communist officials from Central and South China recently convened in Hankow for a regional administrative meeting and heard a report that millions were fleeing their homes and selling their children, cattle and goods in order to buy food. The conference criticised regional officials and urged greater efforts to alleviate suffering, reduce the tax burden and increase the food supply.

Flooded area

The agency report also set the total flooded area last year at 17,000,000 acres, reducing China's total food production between 25 and 35 per cent. Achievement of the goal for the current year should increase production by 10 per cent.

A central government directive ordered large-scale work and relief programmes be undertaken in stricken areas including dyke repair, irrigation, replanting and reforestation. At the same time, the broadcast said, all this would entail higher taxes.

Fred Hampson, Associated Press correspondent in Hong Kong, says placard reports of China's 1950 famine continue to trickle out and each one makes the situation look darker.

From Shanghai comes a recent story of a disease epidemic getting worse as the famine deepens in North Anhwei Province.

What is almost as serious as disease to food-short humans is a report that disease is now striking down pure farm animals. No numbers are given but they are said to be high.

Another report said new floods are destroying the spring crops

which now are just budding and farmers lack seed to replant them. One report said: "Ten small villages in North Anhwei reported the total death from famine of 1,000 between the Lunar New Year Day, February 17, and March 10."

The Reds are trying to help stricken farms by trying to drain off new flood waters, raise river embankments and otherwise salvage the spring crops.

A relief mission which visited Shanghai said: "North Anhwei farms have frequently been devastated in past years but this year's famine and pestilence are unprecedented. Small pox, diphtheria, tropical fever, plague and other diseases are rampant, especially at Suhsien and Shengung."

The Red News Agency, in a Hankow dispatch, said the Communists felt that famine conditions had been held in check over the winter but with the coming spring had spread throughout six provinces.

This sounds like a new version of the old Chinese saying that it is the tail of a famine you have to worry about, not the head.

Remedies

The report said that to ameliorate these conditions, the government must reduce rents, stamp out bad elements, confiscate all property of public bodies and monasteries and take accumulated food stocks.

The London "Times" said in a leading article that the Chinese people face what threatens to be one of the worst famines in their history.

"Detailed information is hard to come by under the new Communist regime. But official announcements from Peking as well as from provincial capitals confirm private reports that the death toll is likely to approach that of the year 1877-8, when

more than nine million persons perished of starvation."

After analysing the food situation in China, the "Times" said that the Peking Government had laid aside the traditional attitude of philosophic detachment which formerly characterised Chinese officialdom when faced with a "divinely ordained" catastrophe such as a famine.

"The Communist authorities have set up relief committees and have called for an all-out effort to avert the disaster, which now threatens the nation."

Relief difficult

The "Times" said that humanitarian and relief work on a large scale was difficult today, when the "doctrines of Peking combine with the reactionaries of Taiwan to cut off China from the nations that can supply the food and medicine she needs."

"Hong Kong provides the only open door. Already a mission from Anhwei Province has arrived in search of food and medical supplies. Other missions from Shantung and Kiangsu are on the way with the approval of the local Communist authorities."

"If they succeed in their quest, other provinces will follow suit but the stores of food and medicine available in Hong Kong can do little to meet China's needs," the newspaper declared.

In Taipei, meanwhile, the new Premier, Chen Cheng, streamlined Nationalist China's unwieldy war machine today.

A cabinet spokesman called the Premier's move the beginning of a new era in the war against the Reds.

Chen abolished six committees, several commissions and stated others for pruning.

Cumbersome

One wiped out was the Total War Committee, which the former Premier, Yen Hsi-shan, set up last December in Chungking. All were considered cumbersome.

Chen also began weeding out officers holding jobs of small responsibility. He ordered dissolution of the Taiwan and South East China defence commands completed by March 31. They are no longer considered necessary.

At the same time, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek defined duties of the Defence Minister and Chief of Staff.

The Defence Minister was given charge of munitions, uniforms and budgetary matters.

The Chief of Staff was made working leader of the army, aide to the President and executive officer to the Defence Minister.

Chiang's eldest son, Chiang Ching-kuo, was named head of the Defence Ministry's Political Training and Information Department.—United Press, Associated Press and Reuter.

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Armoured troops vs. citizens' blockade

Rome, March 23.

An armoured column of troops and police fought their way through a citizens' blockade into the Southern city of San Saverio today after the townspeople rose up, and besieged the local police garrison and threw a defence cordon around the city.

The first reports said there were some dead and many injured.

The Foggia police reported 10 policemen and Carabinieri had been injured, some critically, in a pitched gun battle before four armoured cars crashed the citizens' barricades.

Two hundred men of the regular army's 14th Artillery Brigade, six armoured cars and a motorised column of Carabinieri and police—which included half a dozen trucks and jeeps—rushed to San Saverio from Foggia, 20 kilometres away.

San Saverio has 20,000 inhabitants. The police at Foggia said the Bologna-Foggia railroad has been blocked at San Saverio and the train due at Foggia at 0350 today did not get in until 1030.—United Press.

Commonwealth conference on Far East planned

London, March 23.

Commonwealth countries are discussing plans for a ministerial conference on Southern Pacific and Far East problems at Canberra on May, authoritative quarters here said today.

The conference would not be at prime ministerial level and the foreign secretaries of the Commonwealth nations would not necessarily take part.

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Its purpose would be to continue discussions of Far Eastern problems from the point where they were left off at the Commonwealth foreign ministers conference in Ceylon in January.

Mr. Percy Spender, Australian Minister of External Affairs, announced yesterday in Canberra that representatives of all countries of the British Commonwealth would meet soon in London in a working committee to discuss proposals for a peace treaty with Japan.

He recalled that a decision to establish this working committee had been taken at the Colombo conference last January. The date of the London meeting, it was learned here, is not yet fixed. The second half of April had been suggested tentatively.

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State of alert in Saigon

Saigon, March 23.

Vietnamese police and French troops were today ordered to remain in a "state of alert" as a fresh wave of terrorism swept over the town.

Generally well-informed sources said that French troops were being reinforced at the Vietnamese Government's request to protect the town from further attacks by guerrillas of Vietnam.

Today, the chief of a neighbouring village was found dead in his home with four bullets in his body. A customs officer was wounded by gunfire when he refused to put down his revolver when ordered to do so by Vietnamese irregulars.

Most shops and garages in Saigon today were closed. Vietnamese had called a general strike to protest against the arrest and conviction of people who took part in Sunday's market place riots. All taxi drivers and most street hawkers and peddlars joined the strike and about half of the stall-keepers in the markets and bazaars.

Students at colleges and private schools continued their "strike holiday" begun on Monday as a protest against the arrests of rioters.—Reuter.

Manufacturers' Union opposes tax raise

The Chinese Manufacturers' Union, at its committee meeting yesterday, unanimously opposed Government's proposal to increase taxation to balance its budget for 1950-51.

At this time when industry is just getting back on its feet, Government should give it help and encouragement instead of saddling it with a further burden, speakers pointed out.

It was decided that in conveying this view to Government a request should also be made that the tax exemption limit of \$5,000 annual income should, in the case of manufacturers, be raised to \$50,000, as an encouragement to industry in the Colony, which occupies a different position from that of ordinary commerce.

Manufacturers have to invest heavily in their plants and equipment and in improvements and extensions, and in many cases nearly all earnings and surpluses are put back into industrial undertakings for their expansion.

"Any attempt to increase taxation on industrialists would be tantamount to further growth in industrial development and will put a stop on new enterprises," speakers pointed out.

"Doubt was expressed by speakers whether a tax had really been made out by Government for a tax increase, and in particular it was pointed out that no account is yet available regarding the trading result of the

Pruning items

There is also room for pruning down of various items of expenditure, as suggested by Mr. T. N. Chiu in Legislative Council, and Government should first give careful consideration to the possibility of such pruning down, as well as taking stock of earnings, not yet accounted for, before deciding on measures of taxation.

If further taxation is found to be necessary then Government should look to luxuries, betting and entertainments for the required extra revenue, instead of direct taxation.

A discussion on rice was put off by the Chairman, Mr. Shum Chai-wei, who said it was outside the province of the Manufacturers' Union. Speakers had suggested that Government should be asked to terminate control, as the price would be cheaper under free trade.

CRIMES ACT IN AUSTRALIA

Canberra, March 23. Australia today invoked the Crimes Act to fight labour disorders and proclaimed a state of serious industrial disturbance. The proclamation issued by the Governor-General said that the situation was "preventing or threatening trade and commerce with other countries and among the states of Australia."—Reuter.

BUDGET DAY

London, March 23. Britain's Budget Day is to be on Tuesday, April 18, Mr. Herbert Morrison, leader of the House of Commons, announced today.—Reuter.

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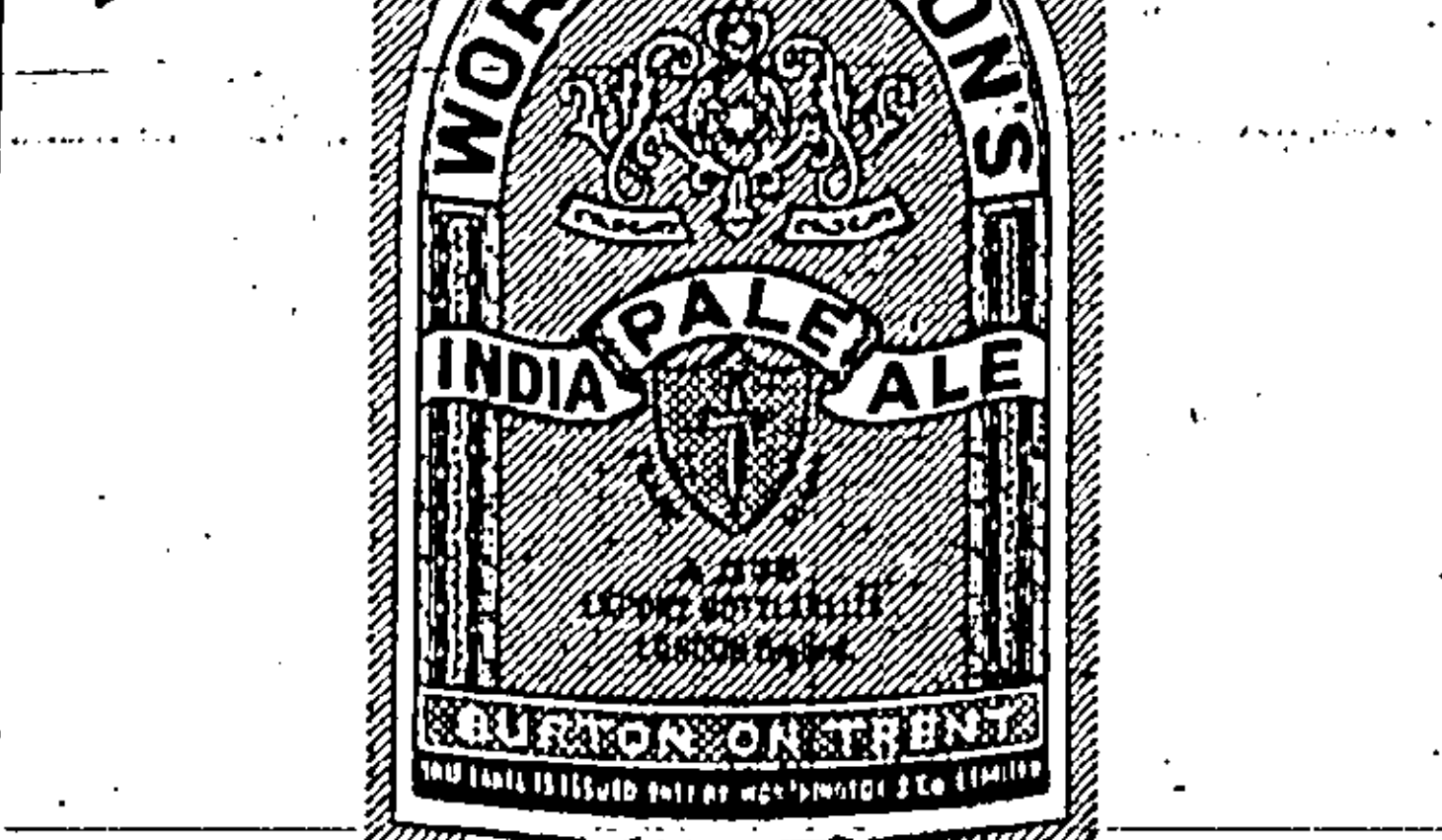
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INTERPRETATION OF DEPORTATION LAW

POW group dinner planned

The Argyle Street Prisoners-of-War Association will hold its annual dinner during the first half of October. Those who intend to attend the dinner should communicate with Mr. Ian MacGregor, MacGregor Caldwell and Company, No. 3, Lloyd's Avenue, London, EC3.

Report on local rent issue

Landlords believe that the biggest single factor in the question of maintaining rents at reasonable level was the rapacity of principal tenants who generally do not adhere to the 20 per cent commission for them. This is mentioned in the 1949 annual report of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has written to Government on the subject. It has suggested that if principal tenants could be strictly controlled, rent costs for the great majority of the population could be lowered. Landlords might then be allowed increases over the rentals existing before the war to give them an adequate return for their investments. The Chamber has also suggested that the following scale could provide adequately if it is applied in conjunction with the rigorous control of principal tenants in tenement property:

Rent	Suggested Increase
(Before the war) HK\$50 and below	50 per cent
More than HK\$50	60 per cent
More than HK\$100	100 per cent

The Chamber further suggested that the freedom given to landlords and tenants of business premises to negotiate a seven-year lease at an uncontrolled rental should be extended to cover residential property.

Films at Rotary meet

Two films, supplied by the United States Information Service, were shown at the Kowloon Rotary Club's weekly luncheon yesterday at the Peninsula Hotel. One entitled "Aquaplane" was a sport film on hydroplaning. The second was a war story of the renowned British Eighth Army and the United States Fifth Army. It was entitled "Liberation of Rome". Next Thursday, the weekly luncheon of the Club will be a closed meeting. On the following Thursday, Rotarian F. Gabbutt will speak on "Chinese Arts and Handicrafts". On April 13, Kowloon Rotarians will be addressed by Mr. R. A. Edwards, Steward of the Kowloon Hospital. His subject will be "The History of Medicine". "Community Service" will be the title of a talk on April 20 by Mr. H. Bragg.

CHILEAN NITRATE FOR TAIWAN

Valparaiso, March 22. Chile is resuming its nitrate sales to Nationalist China and Japan. The transactions were interrupted during the second world war. Some quantities of the fertilizer have already been sent to Hong Kong. Representatives of the Chilean corporation of sales for nitrate and iodine reported that the country will initially purchase about 80,000 tons of nitrate per year. First shipments are expected to begin next July.—Associated Press.

FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS

The forthcoming weddings have been announced by Mr. R. A. Ludvigsen, marine consulting engineer, c/o Kimberley Hotel, Kowloon, and Miss Yolanda Chu Sotero, of 161 Sai Yeung Choi Street, second floor, and Derrick Walter Paffrey-Cleaver, naval officer, of Railway Hotel, Kowloon, and Mrs. Marie Theresa Miller, en route to Hong Kong.

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Legal arguments as to the interpretation of the Ordinance governing an application by the Police to the Governor for a warrant of arrest of a person pending deportation proceedings were heard by the Supreme Court yesterday.

A contention that no such application can properly be said to have been made until the time it reaches the hands of the Governor, was opposed by Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Lonsdale.

The application, which is being heard by the Acting Chief Justice, Mr. E. H. Williams, is for the issuance of a writ of habeas corpus against the Commissioner of Police and the Superintendent of Prisons to show cause why the applicants concerned should not be released from custody immediately.

The eight applicants, all of whom were arrested on January 24 in the premises of the Ping Lok Rattan Workers' Association, of 184 Cheungshawan Road, are Chiu Ching-keng, Chan Yiu, Cheung So, Tsang Wu, Chiu Ying-kong, Chan Kai-kwong, To Yim-kong and Chau Tak.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, is representing the applicants. Mr. Lonsdale is appearing for the Government.

At the opening of proceedings yesterday, Mr. Justice Williams had occasion to remark in connection with affidavits and the matter of subpoenas brought forward by Mr. Lonsdale that subpoenas should be served to witnesses in time so that they could be able to attend the hearing.

It was ridiculous for a subpoena to be served to certain police witnesses in the morning asking them to appear in Court the same day in the afternoon, he added.

Crown's argument

Opening his case, Mr. Lonsdale referred to previous submissions by Mr. Bernacchi that section 51 of the Police Force Ordinance had not been complied with in this case.

Crown Counsel said he would bring up affidavits to show the contrary.

Mr. Lonsdale submitted that the Police Force Ordinance laid down that a man arrested should be brought before a magistrate within 48 hours, unless within that time the police sent an application to the Governor for a warrant pending deportation proceedings.

In such a case, the man might be held for a period of 72 hours, Mr. Lonsdale argued referring to the Ordinance in support.

Turning briefly to the facts, he told the Court that the eight men were arrested at 8.30 p.m. on January 24. The next day, Inspector Leslie at Police Headquarters signed an application for a warrant to be sent to the Governor. This was received by the Attorney-General by 4 p.m. on January 25.

The period of time used was therefore a clear compliance with the law, Crown Counsel went on. It was not necessary for the application to reach the Governor himself within 48 hours, as there was the provision for 72 hours laid down by the Ordinance.

Applicants' case

Mr. Bernacchi then told the Court that the applicants concerned were held for some three days without a warrant.

The question arising was thus whether or not the affidavits now filed showed the respondents came within the proviso of section 51 of the Police Force Ordinance.

Counsel submitted that no application of this kind can be said to be made until the time it reaches the hands of the Governor. This, he went on, is the true interpretation of the Ordinance.

Mr. Bernacchi said the very earliest at the least that it can be said that the application has been made to the Governor is when it is received at the Colonial Secretary's, but not the time it was signed and sent out by Police Headquarters.

After Mr. Bernacchi had quoted numerous authorities to support his submissions, hearing adjourned until 9.15 p.m. today.

Statistics meeting in London

Mr. W. G. Wormald, Hong Kong Government Statistician, is among the Colonial Statisticians participating in a two-week conference in London.

The opening session was held yesterday, according to the local Public Relations Officer. It is the first conference of its kind.

The conference will cover a wide variety of statistical subjects including organizational problems, demography, agricultural statistics, mineral statistics, external trade returns, industrial output, employment and labour statistics, balance of payments and national income calculations, capital formation estimates and the systems of publishing Colonial statistics.

Senior statisticians from various departments of the Home Government will attend sessions of the conference which deal with matters in which they specialise.

The Statisticians from the Colonial territories attending the conference are Mr. A. B. Reis, Government Statistician, Gold Coast, Mr. M. Herchenroder, Director of Statistics, Mauritius, Mr. W. A. Stuart-Williams, Government Statistician, Nigeria, Mr. George G. C. J. Martin, MBE, East Africa High Commissioner, Mr. R. H. Shull, Central African Statistical Office, Mr. E. J. Phillips, Registrar of Malaya, Mr. A. I. Morias, Assistant Statistician, Jamaica, Mr. H. L. Barnett, Registrar of Statistics, Federation of Malaya, Mr. H. J. Slater, Statistician, Trinidad, and Mr. W. G. Wormald, Government Statistician, Hong Kong.

Mr. P. J. Loftus of the United Nations Statistical Office has been invited to attend in the capacity of an observer.

Two youths gaoled for robbery

Two Chinese youths who took part in the robbery of a couple strolling along Embankment Road on New Year's Day evening were given hard labour terms yesterday at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. Justice Scholes, Acting Puisne Judge, sentenced Kwong Cheu, to seven years and Tsang Ki, aged 17, to five on account of his age.

A jury composed of six men and one woman tried the two accused, who were not legally represented.

Mr. A. Hooton, who prosecuted, assisted by Detective Sub-Inspector P. Lowe, told the jury that on the evening of January 1, the complainant, Siu Yuk-lin, and her boy friend were walking along the road in the direction of Prince Edward Road.

The two were presently accosted by three men, one of whom carried a gun. One of the men tried to unbutton the girl's jacket. Frightened by this, the girl took out her wallet containing HK\$14 and a key and handed it to the intruders, who disappeared.

The youths were notified, and two accused arrived a few days later. Both denied the allegations against them from the dock yesterday.

At the start of sessions yesterday when the jury was being empanelled, Mrs. K. Biddess, wife of the Police Officer Commanding Kowloon and the New Territories, was also called up. The Court however dismissed Mrs. Biddess when attention was drawn to her identity by Crown Counsel.

Correspondence

The Editor takes no responsibility for views expressed in letters by correspondents, and by no means necessarily agrees with them.

HONG KONG SPCA

Note to Correspondents: "An Animal Lover" (anonymous) writes in this Society will accept no applications to register, or to be admitted to the Committee, and will not accept any other applications to be a member of the Society.



Vice-Admiral R. S. Berkeley, Commanding Officer of the United States Seventh Fleet, arrived from Saigon yesterday for a short stay. He is shown above being met at Kai Tak by Commodore L. N. Brownfield, RN. ("China Mail" photo).

TAXATION SYSTEM IN CHINA

San Francisco, March 22. "The Central People's Government of China are taking steps to ensure the success of its new and equitable taxation system which avoids reliance on inflation," Peking Radio reported tonight.

Quoting the "Peking People's Daily," the Radio said that in Communist China today revenue from taxation of all forms, national and local, is estimated at 1,000,000,000 silver dollars. A vital change from Kuomintang days was that grain tax, which was formerly the largest single source of tax revenue, had now dropped to second place, yielding 37.2 per cent of the total national revenue, while urban taxation takes first place with 40.1 per cent.

"The almost complete unification of China, following the liberation of the mainland, together with the restoration of industry and commerce, makes this change both possible and necessary," the newspaper said.

It added, "Although the emphasis in taxation has shifted to the towns, the general development of the country's economy means a lower tax burden on business concerns than ever before, amounting to not more than three per cent of gross takings."

"At the same time, the ordinary people also pay far less tax before. For example, an ordinary peasant near Peking pays 14 1/2 kilograms of millet per mou of land. Under the Kuomintang there was no real fixed rate. He was at the mercy of the tax officials who took most of what was left after the landlord had taken an exorbitant rent."—Reuter.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE ON FAR EAST PLANNED

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British experts are still working on a brief for the meeting which will consist of a preliminary conference for Cabinet approval. The conference, according to Commonwealth officials here, is likely to take the board agreements reached at the Canberra conference of 1947 as a starting point for discussion.

It will aim at bringing Commonwealth thinking on the Far Eastern peace treaty up to date with developments since then.

It is not expected that each member of the Commonwealth will attempt to produce a draft Japanese peace treaty for the London talks, according to Australian officials here.

Individual countries will rather bring working papers on various aspects of the peace settlement as a basis for Commonwealth discussion, which will be co-ordinated as far as possible into a joint Commonwealth policy before any wider international conference on the Far East.—Reuter.

CHINESE KILLED IN MISHAP

An unidentified Chinese man was killed in a traffic accident in Tai Po Road near the 17 1/2 milestone mark at 12.20 p.m. yesterday.

The man, about 50 years old, was wearing a black felt hat, grey cotton Chinese clothes, and black canvas shoes with rubber soles.

U.S. Admiral arrives for visit

Vice-Admiral R. S. Berkeley, Commanding Officer of the United States Seventh Fleet, arrived from Saigon with four members of his staff yesterday.

Traveling in a special USN aircraft, Admiral Berkeley told reporters at Kai Tak that the visit in Saigon during the U.S. fleet's recent visit were not specially meant for the visiting fleet.

The riots were political in origin, he said. Admiral Berkeley denied reports that visiting American sailors while with French sailors had on many occasions been attacked by Vietnamese students.

The American Admiral and his party were met at Kai Tak by Commodore L. N. Brownfield, Captain R. F. Stout of the USS Toledo, which is at present visiting the Colony, and Captain G. T. Mancorff, one of Admiral Berkeley's staff officers.

Other members of Admiral Berkeley's group are: Lieutenant Commander J. P. Drake, Captain W. L. Anderson, Lieutenants J. G. O'Kane and A. Filtrault. The Admiral and his party will leave the Colony for U.S. naval maneuvers which will end off Japan on Sunday night.

CNAC shifts equipment

China National Aviation Corporation has shifted most of its airport equipment to Bailey's Shipyard. A few crates of equipment are still being moved daily.

Every day at Kai Tak ground mechanics of CNAC are checking the aviation company's grounded aircraft and crating CNAC equipment.

Recently three Skyliners of CNAC had their engines tested. However, like other grounded aircraft, none of the Skyliners has been tested in the air.

For security measures, special watchmen have been hired by CNAC and CATC at Kai Tak. Any person entering or leaving the aviation companies' premises at the airport must produce three identification cards for the watchmen's inspection.

The cards consist of one issued by the companies, one issued by the airport authorities and an aviation company badge.

CNAC EMPLOYEES CHARGED

Bail of \$20,000, \$5,000 in cash and \$15,000 in surety, was granted to Hwang Kai-shan, employee of the China National Aviation Corporation, charged before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday with the embezzlement of \$5,335 from the company.

The application for bail was made by Mr. P. L. Lam for the defendant, Perry Chen, instructed by Messrs. Fort, Kwan and Company, represented CNAC. Hearing was fixed for May 10 and 11 before Mr. James Wicks.

TWO MEN PUSHED INTO HARBOUR

Two men, Wong Sing, aged 36, and Ho Yung, aged 32, were accidentally pushed overboard while they were crossing the harbour aboard the Youmali ferry Man Wai at 9.50 a.m. yesterday.

The accident occurred while the ferry was about 100 yards from the Hong Kong Ferry Pier. The cause of the accident was the rush for the gangway before the ferry docked.

The men were rescued.

SIX KILLED IN RAF AIR CRASH

Six persons were killed today when a Royal Air Force two-engine training plane crashed in a field near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.—United Press.

Personalia

Mr. Ronald Ernest German has been appointed Postmaster General, East Africa High Commission. He will arrive in East Africa early in April, accompanied by his wife.

Mr. German was born at Plymouth and educated at the British Dockyard School, Devonport. He entered the Post Office (telephone department) in 1923, and was transferred to postal work in 1924. He has been a member of the administrative staff since 1937. From 1942 to 1948, Mr. German was seconded to the Sudan Government as assistant controller and director in the Posts and Telegraphs Department. He is, at present, assistant secretary in GPO Headquarters, St. Martin's Le Grand, London.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogarth, Miss B. Cantner, Miss D. M. Jacobs, Messrs. J. Q. Lacerda, G. W. Macon and Captain W. H. Moore were among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday.

New arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Mrs. Clara Schaffer, Miss B. Larson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Villanco, and Dr. B. H. Cruik.

Wives of two American Admirals, an Admiral's daughter and the wife of a journalist arrived here by Pan American World Airways yesterday on their way to Bangkok to attend the coronation of the Siamese King.

Mrs. Martha Joy, wife of Vice-Admiral Joy of the United States Navy, Miss Mary Joy, the Admiral's daughter, Mrs. Edith Decker, wife of Rear-Admiral Decker, USN, and Mrs. Dennis McEvoy, wife of the Editor of the Japanese edition of Reader's Digest and Editor of the "San Francisco Chronicle," were met at Kai Tak by Captain G. T. Mundorff and Captain Stout of the United States Navy.

The party will leave for Bangkok by PAA this morning.

Armed robbery in Kowloon

Three masked men, one armed with a pistol, entered an unnumbered hut, occupied by Public Works Department coolies, off the junction of Sai Kung and Clear Water Bay Roads, Kowloon, shortly after 8 o'clock last night and made off with approximately \$800 in cash, gold rings and watches.

The men after heading the occupants together ransacked the house for about 20 minutes. On escaping the men fired two shots into the air, it was learned.

Two other robberies on the mainland were reported yesterday. A 39-year-old woman, Li Mei-lin, 538 Shanghai Street, west door, was robbed of her handbag containing money and jewellery to the value of \$2,000, while she was going up the stairs to her house at 1 a.m.

A boy while walking along Nelson Street, near Portland Street, Mongkok, was waylaid by two armed men at 3 p.m. and robbed of \$90 and a fountain pen.

JAP IMPORTS TO AMERICA

New York, March 22. The National Federation of Textiles has offered to act as a co-ordinating unit in a drive against cheap Japanese imports to America, if various parts of the textile industry can agree on a common plan.

The offer was made at a meeting sponsored by the Greater Patterson New Jersey, Chamber of Commerce, held in New York yesterday.

Silk weavers and silk and rayon finishers, printers and other interested groups in Patterson and Eastern Pennsylvania attended.—Reuter.

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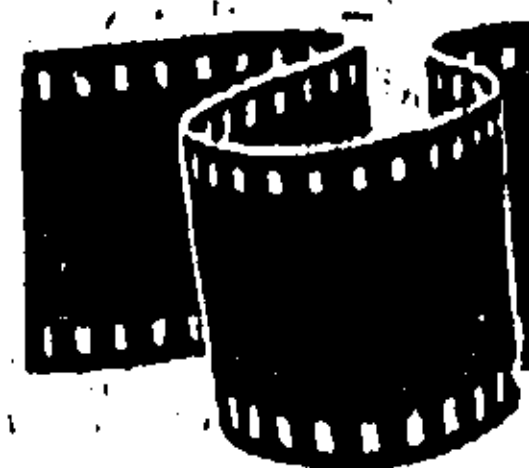
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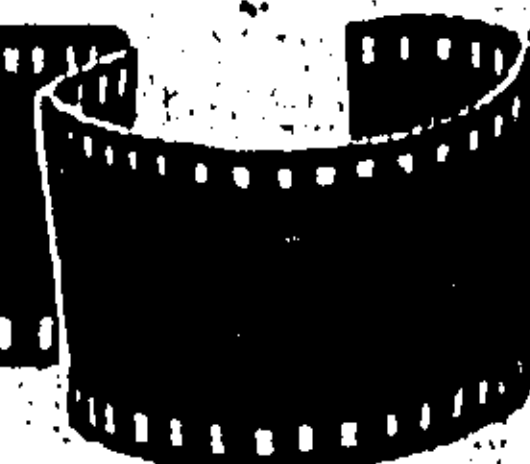
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CINEMA WORLD



Jail break theme of coming film

Rating: * * *

For the past 20 years Hollywood has found drama in prisons. They have made many films centred around the lives of the law-breaker and their eventual downfall.

One of the first of these films was the "Big House," starring Wallace Berry. This was the grim story of the inside workings of the prison system. It is the illustration of the truth that "Stone walls do not a prison make: Nor iron bars a cage." Perhaps the first Hollywood film to expose the evils of the penal system was Warner Brothers' "I am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang." Many other semi-reformist films centering on prison life followed, among them Fritz Lang's "Fury" with Spence Tracy and "You Only Live Once" with Henry Fonda, then "Brute Force" and "Escape".

"Cannon City," coming to the Queen's Theatre, breaks new ground with its unusual documentary episode. Rather in the manner of "March of Time," the director submits seven of the surviving convicts who took part in the prison break to a candid camera interview.

The audiences is thus brought face to face with the social problem that underlies the preceding action and excitement. Each man prepared his own statement and no attempt was made to coerce him.

A very good film.

Family show at Roxy, Broadway

Rating: * *

"Chicken Every Sunday," which is now at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, is a folksy story about folksy people that should go over big with the folksy audience in this unfolksy Colony.

Starring Celeste Holm and Dan Dailey, minus his footers, the picture is good entertainment despite the occasional drag that usually accompanies stories of the "good old days, way back when."

The makers of "Chicken Every Sunday," however, have succeeded in capturing the essence of the plot, and the film attempts to show with a fair amount of success that the chap who is generous towards his fellow men, reaps his reward in good will, plus.

Celeste Holm turns in a surprisingly fine performance as the wife who starts off on her honeymoon with the idea to make marriage pay—in the true sense of the word—and her straightforward acting is a pleasing change coming out of Hollywood. Dan Dailey, whose main asset seems to be to look like a chump and, occasionally, behave like one, does alright, too, and although we can't see how he ever became the Vice-President of a miniature bank "somewhere in the West of the USA," he is convincing as the guy whose brainwaves never seem to materialize.

Alan Young and several other "just plain" characters round out the supporting cast. The morale of "Chicken Every Sunday" is that a good deed never is bound to pay interests, and a man's better qualities are those which usually drive his wife mad. A good family show.

Flynn his old self again in new film

Rating: * * *

A swashbuckling romance done in the grand manner—that's Warner Bros. Technicolor romance, "Adventures of Don Juan" starring Errol Flynn and Viveca Lindfors, which is now at King's and Lee Theatres.

Only top-drawer talent has gone into this richly dressed picture. Each department from scenic designer, costume to artist has contributed its share of skill. The result is a rich tapestry of moving spectacle, romance and adventure. Sly touches of humour also filter through the lusty tale.

Flynn, who prefers romantic action roles to the more sedate drawing room assignments, is in his usual self. As the legendary lover, swordsman and sometime

saviour of the throne of Spain, he has a part which fits him like a glove.

Miss Lindfors, queenly in state-ly garb of gold and velvet, makes a regal teammate.

The story itself is a well-stocked dramatic piece, teeming with duels, towering sets and opulence. Don Juan comes to the Spanish court with a reputation for romance. The queen really attracts him and when enemies close in, Don Juan is there to protect her. There is a steady flow of romantic episodes, plus an interwoven plot of court scandals and evil plotting.

Art-direction under Edward Carrere is distinguished. His best work is a huge stairway dominant close in. Don Juan, who provides the background for many of the scenes, Flynn's duel with Robert Douglas, who plays the evil de Lorca, is shot against this set.

'Oscar' day in film land

The winners of the coveted "Oscars," awarded each year by the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences in Hollywood to the best actor, actress and film of the year among others, will be announced in New York this morning.

Who will it be this year? Have you made your selections?

Here are some previous winners of the major acting awards of the Academy:

1932—Helen Hayes, "The Sin of Madelon Claudet," Fredric March, "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

1933—Katharine Hepburn, "Morning Glory," Charles Laughton, "The Private Life of Henry VIII."

1934—Claudette Colbert, "It Happened One Night," Clark Gable, "It Happened One Night."

1935—Bette Davis, "Dangerous," Victor MacLaglen, "The Informer."

1936—Luise Rainer, "The Great Ziegfeld," Paul Muni, "The Story of Louis Pasteur."

1937—Luise Rainer, "The Good Earth," Spencer Tracy, "Captains Courageous."

1938—Bette Davis, "Jezebel," Spencer Tracy, "Boys Town."

1939—Vivien Leigh, "Gone with the Wind," Robert Donat, "Good-bye Mr. Chips."

1940—Kitty Rogers, "Kitty Foyle," James Stewart, "The Philadelphia Story."

1941—Joan Fontaine, "Suspicion," Gary Cooper, "Sergeant York."

1942—Greer Garson, "Mrs. Miniver," James Cagney, "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

1943—Jennifer Jones, "Song of Bernadette," Paul Lukas, "Watch on the Rhine."

1944—Ingrid Bergman, "Gaslight," Bing Crosby, "Going My Way."

1945—Joan Crawford, "Mildred Pierce," Ray Milland, "The Lost Weekend."

1946—Olivia de Havilland, "To Each His Own," Fredric March, "The Best Years of Our Lives."

1947—Loretta Young, "The Farmer's Daughter," Ronald Colman, "A Double Life."

1948—Jane Wyman, "Johnny Belinda," Laurence Olivier, "Hamlet," Associated Press.

Musical comedy stars new singing lass

Rating: * *

"Mickey," a musical comedy coming to the Roxy Theatre, is a wholesome comedy for the family. It introduces a new star—10-year-old Lois Butler—who has all the makings of taking the place of Deanna Durbin and Judy Garland.

Mickey Kelly (Lois Butler), a teen-age tomboy and baseball enthusiast, is a constant source of embarrassment to her widower father, Dr. George Kelly (Bill Goodwin), who is seeking appointment as director of the new County Hospital.

Mickey, aided by her friend Cathy (Beverly Wills) and the Kelly's maid, Bertha (Hattie McDaniel), is in the midst of a campaign to thwart the romantic aims of an attractive widow, Lydia Matthews (Rose Hobart).

They plan a dinner to which they invite Cathy's aunt Louise (Irene Hervey), in the hope of diverting the doctor's interest. However, Dr. Kelly refuses to fall into the trap, and as Louise's thoughts are with her New York fiancé, the plan fails.

Mickey and Hank Evans (Skippy Homer) fight at a school festival when he calls her a quitter for singing at the recital but not turning up at the big baseball game. After the fight, Mickey's attitude towards Hank becomes one of romantic interest, and she is disappointed when he fails to invite her to the school dance. From then on the plot develops in the right direction.

Real life drama at the Queen's

Rating: * * *

The gallant story of one of the most courageous figures in the world of sport is unfolded on the screen in "The Stratton Story," M-G-M's new film, based on the spectacular and dramatic career of Monty Stratton, who came from the sandlots of Texas to win fame as a pitching star with the Chicago White Sox.

While there are plenty of big league baseball park scenes, the sports angle of the narrative is subservient to the true-to-life story of Monty Stratton, who after two seasons that put him on the verge of all-time greatness, suffered a hunting accident that caused the amputation of his right leg.

How he came back, eight years later, to resume a pitching career in the game he loved, and to be named the "Most Courageous Athlete of the Year" in 1940, makes for a story that will leave few onlookers untouched.

Under the able direction of Sam Wood, who directed that other outstanding sports drama "Bride of the Yankees," the film story of Monty Stratton is told with naturalness, warmth and a sustaining dramatic pace.

Beginning with a sandlot game in the little Texas farming town of Greenville, in which the lanky young Monty performs magic with a baseball, it follows his meeting Barney Wiles, a baseball coach who coaches the boy and arranges for his tryout with the White Sox.

Not coming up to grade, he is farmed out to minor leagues, wins impressively and is recalled to the White Sox. It is now that he feels sure enough of his career to marry pretty and vivacious Ethel, the girl whom he had met while "warming the bench" during his tryout period.

Stratton becomes the fresh-man sensation of the league and by the next season is top right-hander in the loop and is also father of Monty, Jr. Now occurs the hunting accident which brings about an end to his brilliant future. It is the devoted Ethel who reawakens his interest in life and in the game he loves and who gives him renewed hope for the future.

James Stewart gives the role a touch of down-to-earth naturalness, humour, warmth and sincerity. He is buoyant and infectious in the lighter scenes and heartbreakingly moving in the picture's tragic episodes. It is probably one of his finest motion picture roles to date.

June Allyson also deserves a big hand for her role as the wife who stands by her husband's side when he seems a broken man and who quietly and self-effacingly guides him on the path of renewed hope and courage.

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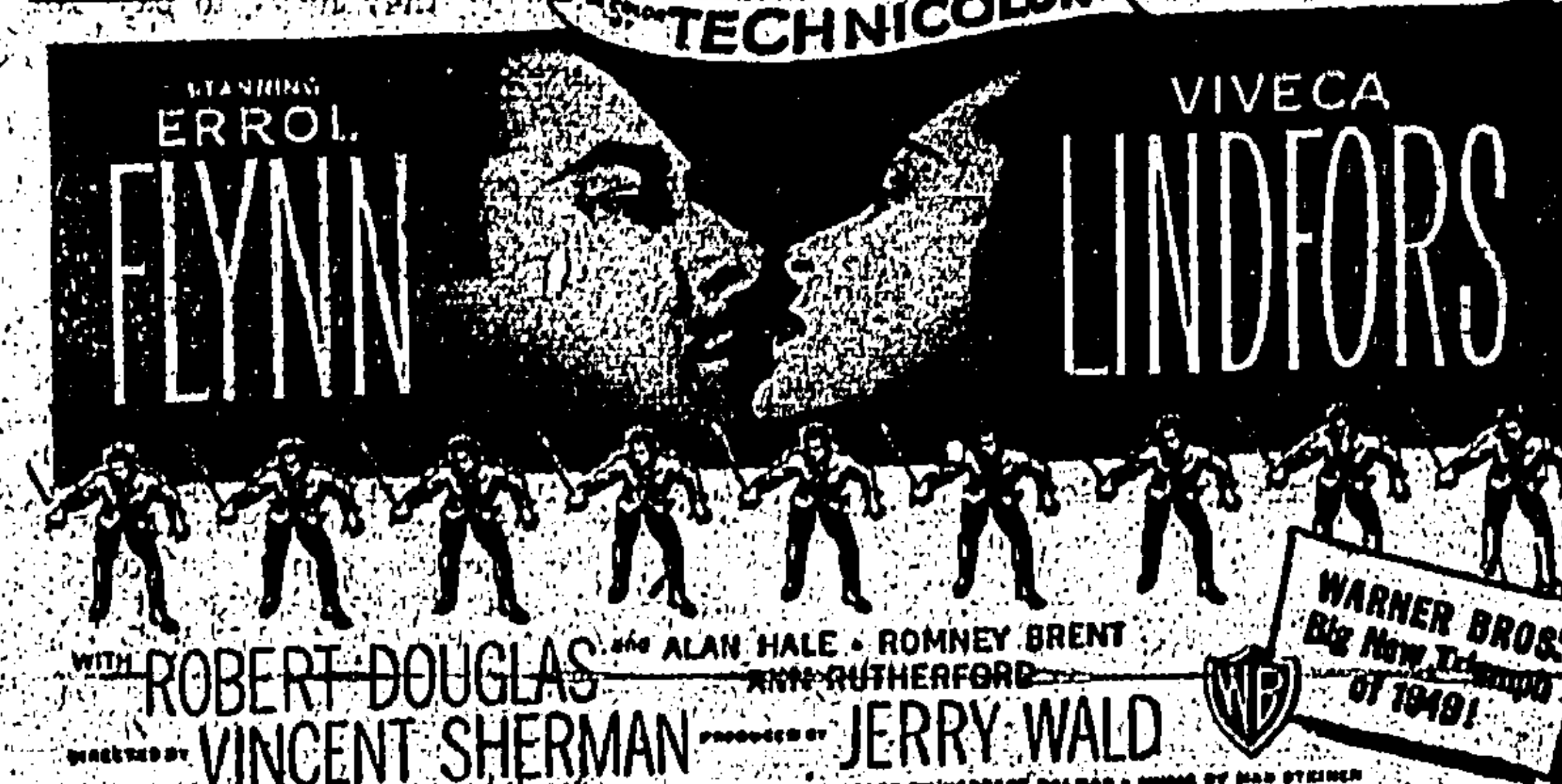
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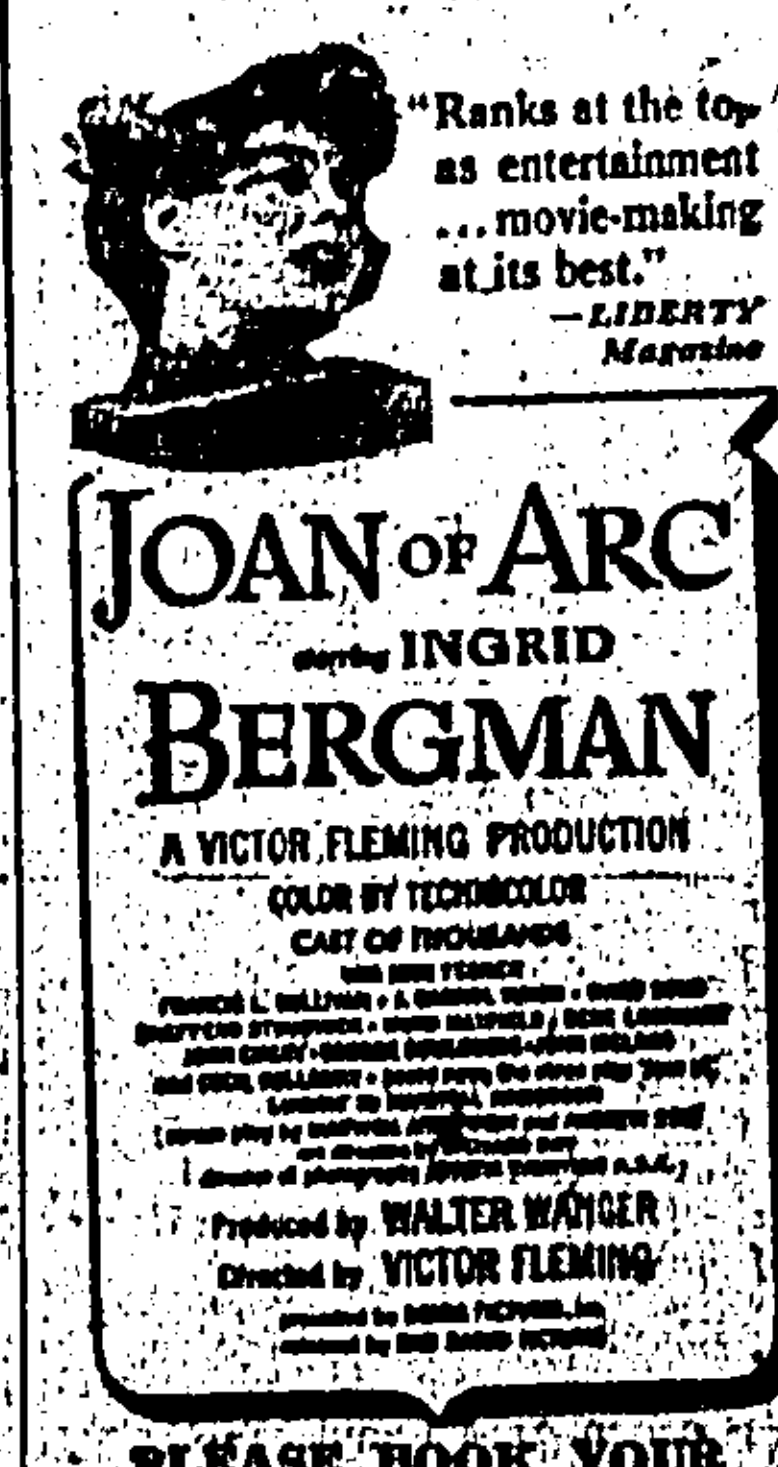
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THE COLONY'S FINANCES

Constitutional reform in Hong Kong still carries, and at a time when electoral processes have penetrated even to Darkest Africa, this Colony carries on without them. But a more comprehensive inquisition on the state of the Colony's finances could hardly have been carried out even had we possessed a full-fledged elected Council, with an unofficial majority as in Singapore. The most valuable piece of work of all was the close and detailed analysis of the Estimates by Mr. Martin, at the Reform Club meeting. In most cases he left the figures to speak for themselves. The unofficial members of Council elaborated their arguments on various items forcefully and lucidly. The public now have a fairly clear picture of the whole position.

The objection to the proposed 50 per cent increase in the Salaries Tax is general, and in our opinion, valid. It is valid not because it is excessive in the light of our needs and the extremes to which direct taxation has gone in the United Kingdom and in certain other parts of the world, but because it is paid by so few, and because it is of doubtful necessity. A variety of alternative forms has been suggested to make up the deficit—a deficit small in itself and improbable in the event.

Two of them will, we hope, be given full consideration by the Government. They are an annual registration fee for business firms and a personal registration fee. Mr. d'Almeida estimated that 12,000 out of 21,000 business firms in the Colony are exempt from the Business Profits Tax. The total figure is little more than half that mentioned by the senior unofficial member, but even so, at a rate of \$300 per year, the yield would almost wipe out the doubtful deficit. As to the registration fee for persons, which at \$5 per head per annum would also meet the deficit figure, it would constitute no great hardship on any wage-earner and would enable the hundreds of thousands who have flocked to this Colony for refuge to pay some small contribution to the amenities they enjoy here.

To many of them it will be a mere mite, for the proportion of really well-to-do people who have come here is unusually high. They do, of course, make a very considerable indirect contribution to the Colony's prosperity. The price they have to pay for accommodation is high—which also, unhappily, reacts on the permanent salaried resident who finds it so hard to make ends meet, let alone save. But such a fee would be profitless if additional personnel and machinery were required to collect it.

It is the increasing cost of government that has made the strongest impression upon us. Salaries and allowances and other expenditure on staff make up 40 per cent of the expenditure. The position is not peculiar to Hong Kong—it is a common evil all over the world, and it is worst in Communist countries where public complaint is not tolerated. The trouble is not that Government officials are overpaid. They often find it as hard as other salaried people to keep their heads above water. Too many administrators administer those who do the actual work—the technicians and other professional men who are indi-

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THE GRAND ALLIANCE

Australia's losses

By Winston Churchill



The Australian Government, weakened by the loss of its ablest figure, had a majority of only one, and were confronted in this grievous period by a party Opposition thirsting for local power. In spite of the difference which I have mentioned, it was with great regret that I learned of Mr. Menzies' fall. I sent him the following telegram:

Prime Minister to Mr. Menzies, 28 August 41.

While I scrupulously abstain from all interference in Australian politics, I cannot resist telling you with what sorrow I have learned of your resignation. You have been at the helm during these two terrible years of storm, and you were with us here

during its most anxious time for Australia. We are all very grateful to you for the courage you showed and the help you gave. I am the gainer by our personal friendship. I went through a similar experience when I was removed from the Admiralty at a moment when I could have given the Allies a fair chance of victory at the Dardanelles. It is always a comfort in such circumstances to feel sure one's duty and one's best. My wife and family send their regards.

Our relations with Mr. Fadden's Government, and afterwards with Mr. Curtin's Labour Administration, were not as easy as they had been with their predecessors, and one sharp divergence harmful to our war effort occurred. The new Government, under hard pressure from its opponents, was much concerned about the position of the Australian division in Tobruk. They desired to collect

of prolonged consultation with the Naval and Air Commanders in the Middle East.

You will see from his telegram that if you insist upon the relief of the Australians in Tobruk, it is physically impossible for it to be completed in time for you to make the statement you desire to the Commonwealth Parliament by the middle of this month. In fact only half could be removed during the moonless period of September, and the other half would have to be removed during the latter half of October, which is the very time when all preparations for the offensive will be intense, and when the preparatory work of the Air Force will demand their com-

harmful from every point of view. I enlisted the good offices of Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, Minister of State, now installed in Cairo. Prime Minister to Minister of State.

18 Sept. 41. Impossible that Auchinleck should suppose we do not agree with him (about the Australians in Tobruk). My whole series of telegrams, including especially mine of September 11 to Fadden, which was repeated to Auchinleck and is now repeated to you herewith, shows how strongly we deprecate Australian resolve to quit the line at this juncture. Moreover, I particularly stimulated Auchinleck when he was at home not to prejudice defence of Tobruk by making a needless relief.

I was astounded

I was astounded at Australian Government's decision being sure it would be repudiated by Australia if the facts could be made known. Allowances must be made for a Government with a majority only of one faced by a bitter opposition, parts of which at least are isolationist in outlook.

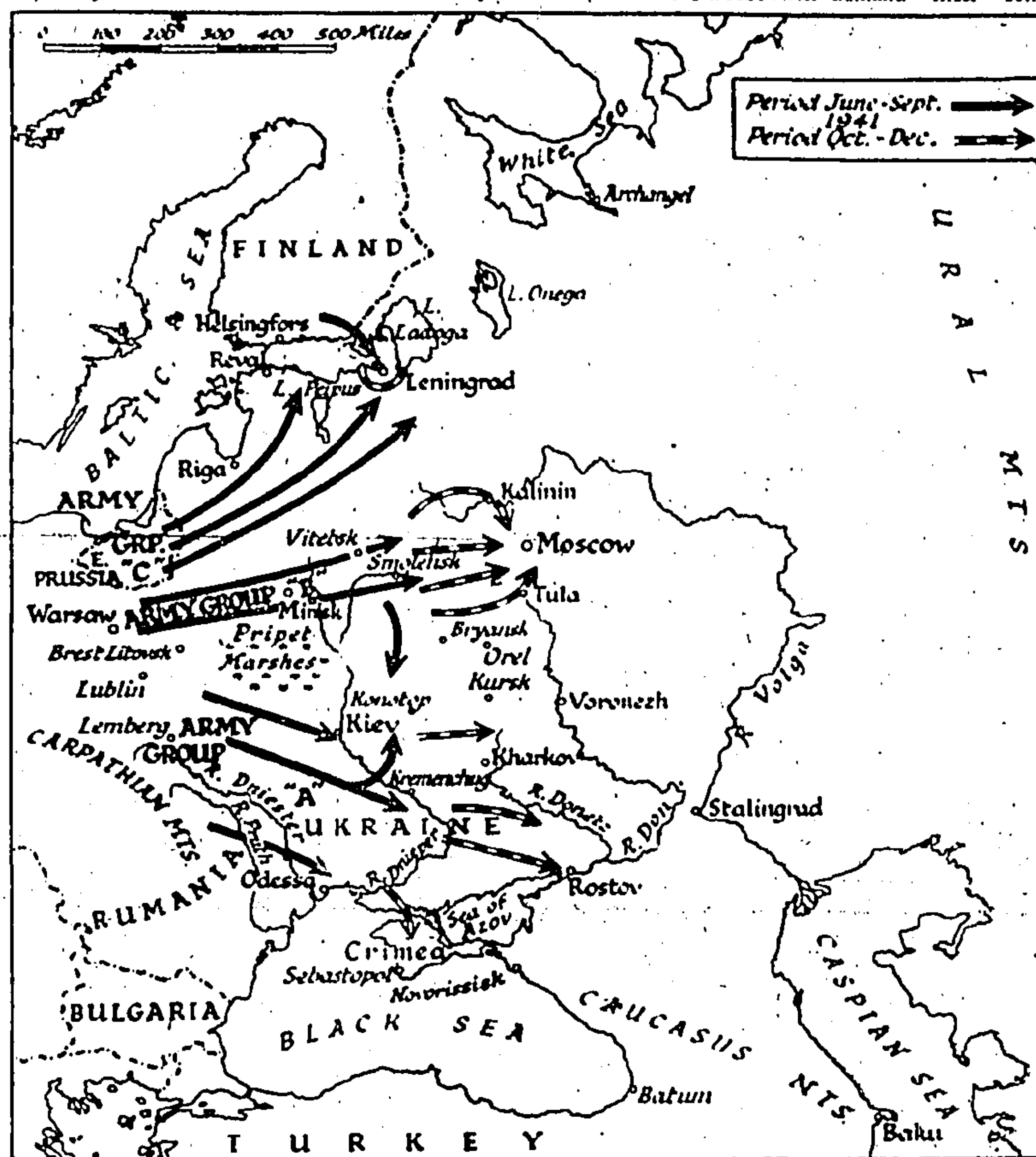
It is imperative that no public dispute should arise between Great Britain and Australia. All personal feelings must therefore be subordinated to appearance of unity. A trouble has largely arisen through our not having any British infantry divisions in the various actions, thus leading the world and Australia to suppose that we are fighting our battles with Dominion troops only. I am telegraphing to Auchinleck to assure him of Chiefs of Staff's full agreement with his military views.

Thus the personal difficulty was smoothed over for the moment, but the actual operation of removing the last of the Australians in October still hung over us.

Prime Minister to General Auchinleck, 29 September, 41. All now depends upon the battle which will be fought that you will be granted by the enemy the time you have asked. But every day's delay is dearly purchased in the wider sphere. The prize is Turkey, whose action may well be determined by victory in Cyprus, but I hope to persuade the Australian Government not to hamper you by pulling out their last two brigades from Tobruk in the October moonless period.

I now reported the whole position to Mr. Fadden, making another strong appeal. The reply was obdurate, but at this moment Mr. Fadden's Government was defeated in a division on the Budget, and an Australian Labour Government with a small majority of one was formed under Mr. Curtin. But the new Government was equally opposed to our request, and it will be well to complete the account of this unhappy episode.

Prime Minister to Prime Minister of Australia, 14 October, 41. I feel it right to ask you to reconsider once again the issue raised in my telegram to your predecessor. I have heard again from General Auchinleck that he would be very greatly helped and convenience if the reinforcements (troops) could stay in Tobruk until the result of the approaching battle is decided. I will not repeat the arguments which I have already used, but I will only add that if you felt able to consent it would not expose your troops to any undue or invidious risks, and would at the same time be taken very kindly as an act of



THE GERMAN ATTACK ON RUSSIA

pensable. And if they are pruned in one department they sprout anew in another. The evil has grown so great that it promotes a feeling of futility if not of despair, which turns to lively resentment when the bureaucracy gets lordly precedence in housing claims. It is no comfort to know that under Communism privilege and preference are even more marked.

At the Reform Club meeting Mr. Martin softened up his hearers with a deluge of figures, only to prepare the ground for the Chairman of the Club and his second to expound how much more they wanted both in revenue and in amenities. Doubtless more things are needed, and many of them enlist our warm sympathy, particularly in the realm of housing, medical, educational, and social services. When one thinks of all the things that are in the air, so to speak, it is impossible to become emotional over a little more or a little less taxation.

There is, to begin with, the Abercrombie Report. Nobody has made the faintest estimate of what it will cost, productive as it may be in the end. There are demands for a Civil Centre, Stadium, Museum, Libraries, housing for the lower and middle income groups, schools, clinics and hospitals, help for farmers, aid for poor litigants, more water, and what not. Some are a necessity, none can be dismissed as wanton extravagance. Loans seem unpromising in the present uncertainty, and revenue is stretched tightly now. Oh! for the bad old days when the dollar went nearly 10 times as far as it does now!

their troops in the Middle East into one force in order to give them an opportunity for refreshment, restoration of discipline and re-equipment, and to satisfy public opinion in Australia.

Anxiety felt

They were very anxious about the "decline in health-resistance" of their troops in the fortress and the danger of a catastrophe resulting from further decline and inability to withstand a determined attack. They therefore demanded their immediate relief by other forces. Auchinleck protested strongly against this change, pointing out the difficulties of the relief and the derangement of his plan for the new offensive. I tried to reassure the General.

Prime Minister to General Auchinleck, 6 September, 41. I am pretty sure the Australians will play the game if the facts are put before them squarely. We do not want either your supply of Tobruk or your other combinations to be hampered. If meeting their demand would do this, let me have the facts to put to them. (Australia would not tolerate anything shabby. Of course it does not make any serious difference we ought to meet their wishes.)

Upon my representations General Auchinleck had managed to relieve one of the Australian infantry brigade groups in Tobruk and replace it by the Polish Brigade. Considerable naval risks were involved, as nearly all the ships were attacked by aircraft. The Commander-in-Chief gave at length his reasons for not completing this operation, declaring that it might entail a further retarding of the offensive in the Western Desert. "I propose therefore," he said, "definitely to abandon the idea of a further large-scale relief of Australian personnel in Tobruk, and to reinforce the garrison at once with an anti-tank battalion." I sent his telegram to Mr. Fadden, with the following appeal:

Prime Minister to Prime Minister of Australia, 11 Sept. 41

I send you in its entirety General Auchinleck's private telegram to me about relieving the Australian troops in Tobruk. I do so in complete confidence in your discretion. General Auchinleck's telegram is the result

of complete concentration on the enemy's rear areas, dumps, and airfields. If, however, you insist that the Australian troops must be withdrawn, orders will be issued accordingly irrespective of the cost entailed and the injury to future prospects. I trust that you will weigh very carefully the immense responsibility which you would assume before history by depriving Australia of the glory of holding Tobruk till victory was won, which otherwise, by God's help, will be theirs for ever.

This proved vain, and I had no choice but to reply:

Prime Minister to Mr. Fadden, 15 Sept. 41.

Orders will at once be given in accordance with your decision. The maintenance of secrecy for the present is of the highest consequence to all.

To Auchinleck I telegraphed:

Prime Minister to General Auchinleck, 17 Sept. 41.

I am grieved at Australian attitude, but I have long feared the dangerous reactions on Australian and world opinion of our seeming to fight all our battles in the Middle East only with Dominion troops. For this reason, apart from desire to reinforce you, I have constantly pressed sending out some British infantry divisions. Your decision to put 50th British Division in Cyprus was, as you know, painful to us.

I trust the Australian withdrawal will not further delay your offensive. The situation has already worsened. The enemy are far better supplied with petrol. African Panzer Corps is now called African Panzer Gruppe. By waiting until you have an extra brigade you may well find you have to face an extra division. Your movements of transport, and movement of dumps must be noted by the enemy. The whole future of the campaign of 1942 in the Middle East and our relations with Turkey and Russia are involved.

General Auchinleck for his part was so deeply affronted by the Fadden Government's persistence in their demand that he wished to tender his resignation on the ground that he did not command the confidence of the Australian Government. This would at this moment have been



"Hong Kong textiles raised in Commons." I do hope they were clean.

Chicago pilot sees flying saucer as big as a DC-3. Of course, it's easy to see a DC. I am still wondering, however: did they plan it in a planet?

Incidentally, did you notice that a couple of Brazilians were offering to sell the darned things? Last I heard of them they were flying off to Gaul. The public might have liked their saucers, but not their sauce.

Tokyo University bans Communists. Another cell out.

More brass tax. D'you think there's a possibility they may budge on the budget?

"Russians taking over Country Club in Shanghai." Thus doth the old aristocracy give way to the new, and chivalry depart to the Vale of Avalanche.

No, Myrtle, I don't need a licence for that hawking I do first thing in the morning.

Pak it up. Karachi editor says Pakistanis are much better informed than the British and Americans.

"Most girls like their husbands to be healthy-looking," says a writer.

With bright blue eyes and nice rosy cheeks.

Li Tsung-jen plans a third government for China. He'll have to find somebody who is still able to recognise the new regime. Of course, there's always Monaco and San Salvador.

Doxey! Well, paradoxical. Pearl Buck, who has persuaded millions of Americans that the Chinese in Chungking and Kweilin are precisely the same as the citizens of Kansas City and Wichita, now has a new theory.

It is quite impossible, she says, for the U.S. to recognise the latest regime in China, but it must make every endeavour to become friendly with it.

"Congratulations me, boys; today I became the father of a bouncing baby."

"Boy or girl?" "I don't know. It hasn't stopped bouncing yet."

comradeship in the present struggle.

Mr. Curtin's Government adhered to the decision of their predecessor, and I was forced to tell General Auchinleck that the relief must proceed.

On the night of October 25 the operation so greatly desired by both Australian parties was attempted under conditions of great danger, and not without appreciable telegraphic news to Mr. Curtin.

Prime Minister to Prime Minister of Australia, 26 October, 41.

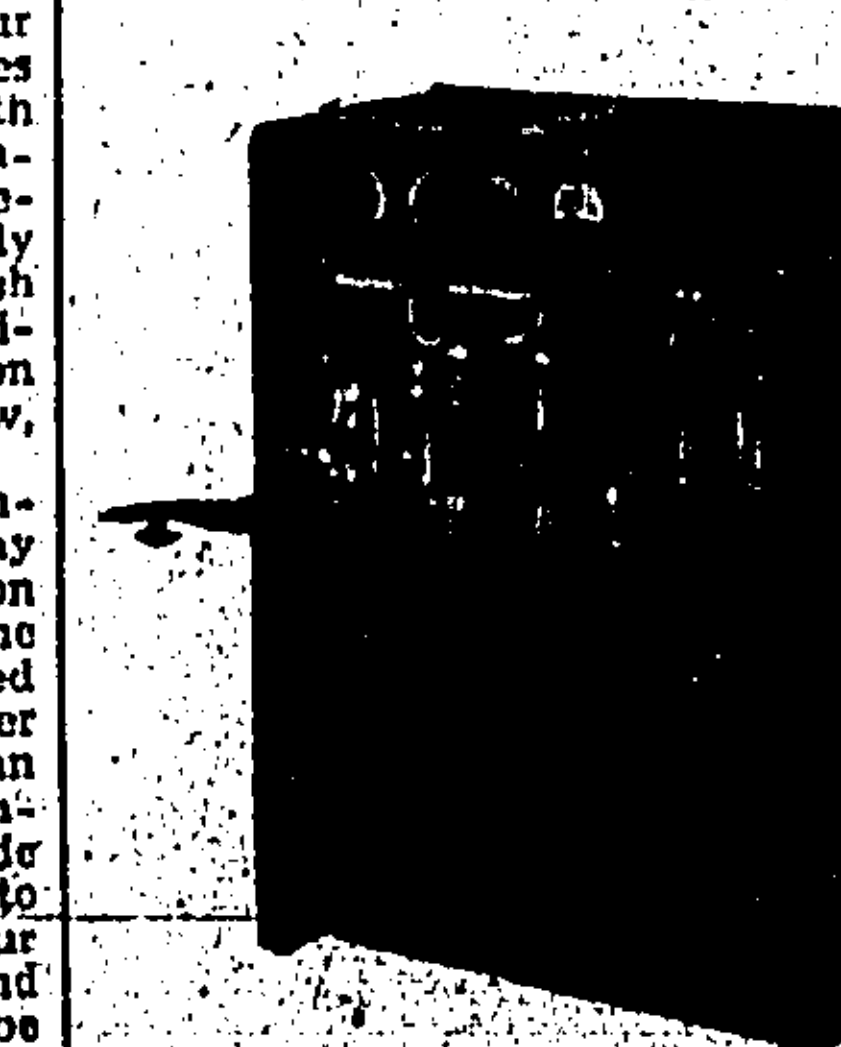
Our new fast minelayer, "Latona" was sunk and the destroyer "Hera" damaged by a tank landing in going to fetch the last 1,200 Australians remaining in Tobruk. Providentially, your men were not on board. I do not yet know our casualties. Admiral Cunningham reports that it will not be possible to move these 1,200 men till the next dark period, in November. Everything in human power has been done to comply with your wishes.

(To be continued)

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S.E. ASIA ECONOMIC DEFENCE

Spender plan to be discussed at Cabinet meeting in London

COMMONWEALTH ASSISTANCE

London, March 22.

A full meeting of the Cabinet is to be called before Easter to discuss plans for the economic defence of South East Asia.

Departmental briefs have been prepared by the Foreign Office and the Treasury and distributed to the Cabinet Ministers, outlining the proposed course of action on a plan for South East Asia suggested by the Australian Foreign Minister, Mr. Percy Spender, at the Colombo conference in January.

The Australian Government has pressed for an early Commonwealth conference at Canberra to put the Spender Plan into action.

ANOTHER SHANGHAI APPEAL

Leading foreign public organisations in Shanghai are sponsoring another appeal to the United Nations to take all possible action to halt further inhuman bombing of Shanghai and other Chinese cities by the Chinese Nationalists.

On February 10, five days after the bombing of power plants in Shanghai, 43 various foreign bodies—commercial, civic and religious—representing some 20 nationalities, jointly despatched a protest to Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, against wanton raids and calling for immediate action to forestall the disaster of widespread unemployment, starvation, epidemic and death facing millions of defenceless Chinese.

The same organisations will probably sign the fresh appeal, according to reports reaching Hong Kong.

The draft of appeal is said to read:

"On February 10 we addressed to you a protest against the crimes of human lives caused by the bombing of Chinese cities and an appeal that the proper authorities should be approached in order to forestall disaster.

"Since that date there have been further heavy bombings bringing death and suffering. We therefore urge not only that action be taken but also that the world be informed of what has been done."

As on the previous occasion, the appeal will be handed to the local United Nations office for relaying to Lake Success as soon as it has been approved by all the various signatories.

Since the first protest, the heaviest raids have been made against Canton, Foochow and Tientsin.—Reuter.

SUPERFORTS IN BRITAIN

Marham, March 22.

The first four of the 70 B-29 Superfortresses landed in England today.

They are a gift to Britain under America's US\$1,000,000 military aid programme. They will be followed at intervals by other flights until the full 70 are transferred to the Royal Air Force Bomber Command.

They are the first American arms handed to Britain under the arms programme approved by the U.S. Congress last October.

Arthur Henderson, Secretary of State for Air, accepted the bombers for the British Government. He said the transfer demonstrated co-operation and peace between two Democratic Governments.

General Leon W. Johnson, commanding the U.S. Third Air Division in Britain, spoke at the ceremony at the huge Marham air base.

He was confident that the bombers will never strike out, and that they will only strike back.—Associated Press.

SECRET SOCIETY IN SARAWAK

London, March 22.

Mr. Thomas Reid, Labour, asked in Parliament today what had been done to suppress the secret society known as Rukon Tigabelas, which was responsible for the murder of Mr. Duncan M. Stewart, the Governor of Sarawak, last December.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, replied that "Rukon Tigabelas" was the name by which the conspirators directly concerned with the murder were known among themselves.

All these people, except three who turned King's evidence, and one who was acquitted, had been convicted and sentenced. The society to which they belonged had been proscribed.—Reuter.

Cherbourg, March 22.

A British civil flying boat with 20 passengers on its way from Maderia to Southampton came down in Cherbourg Bay tonight because of fog. The aircraft landed normally.—Reuter.

The Canberra conference will probably be held in May, and attended by the Commonwealth Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

It is doubtful, however, whether the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, will attend.

The departmental briefs deal mainly with proposals for long-term economic aid to South East Asia.

The Canberra conference will determine the total extent of Commonwealth aid to South East Asia, what will be the form and scope of the aid to be sought from United Nations specialised agencies, and what aid can be hoped for from the United States.

On the question of sterling balances, it is obvious that further releases to countries in South East Asia will be made to fit in with the general plan for that area.

It is hoped that this plan will emerge in concrete form from the Commonwealth Foreign Ministers' meeting in Canberra.

American plans

In Washington, the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, said the State Department has received reports from a special survey mission in the Far East recommending American aid to Indo-China.

In Singapore, Robert Griffin, head of the United States technical assistance survey mission, told the Press that initial supplies under the programme should arrive at their destination within 90 days.

He has cabinet tentative recommendations to the State Department, and a full report will be submitted later.

He implied that Indo-China will get top priority in his recommendations because of the appalling conditions in the North, especially around Hanoi where Vietnamese forces have done all they can to destroy the livelihood of the people.

He agreed that the importance of Indo-China was also based on the fact that it has a common frontier with Communist forces.

Asked whether there is danger of United States supplies to Indo-China falling into the hands of the Communist forces, Mr. Griffin said this was not likely.

Appalling state of affairs

Certain areas are very well policed by French forces, and the Vietnam army is growing steadily and taking more responsibility.

Conditions in certain areas in Indo-China are appalling but not hopeless. "It is difficult, but it can be cured."

Describing his visit to Hanoi, Mr. Griffin said malarial diseases, ugly sores and malnutrition are rampant, while there is no medical aid of any kind. Farmers, he said, lost everything, their farms, homes, and all. Those are the

things the American people are most interested in—to give the people enough to eat and improve their health conditions.

Asked whether American economic aid alone will be able to check the spread of Communism in Asia, Mr. Griffin said aid can only supply deficiencies, and everything depends on the spirit of the people and the intelligence and service given to them by the recipients.

After a busy week in Malaya, Mr. Griffin's mission is leaving on Thursday for Rangoon. From there they will visit Bangkok and Jakarta, returning to Washington about May 1.

Ripe for Communism

Senator Diego Molinari, chairman of the Argentine Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, said in Jerusalem today that he had found conditions in South East Asia such as to make a shooting war inevitable unless something was done to prevent it.

"The Asian peoples are not yet Communist, but they are ripe for Communism," Senator Molinari said in an interview.

His current fact-finding tour, which included a visit to India and Pakistan, showed him that Asia was a continent of refugees.

The problem of the destitute peoples in Asia was too big for their governments. But he admired the courage with which the governments are attempting to find a solution.

A solution must be reached on an international scale if the hot war, which is already being fought in China and Indo-China, is to be prevented from setting the world ablaze.

Argentina, with her big food surpluses, could play an important part in such a programme.

He pointed out that India is already receiving Argentine food under a trade agreement, and said there is great need and tremendous possibilities for a similar agreement with Pakistan.

—United Press.

YELLOW FEVER IN BOLIVIA

Buenos Aires, March 22.

An announcement here today alleged that a yellow fever epidemic in Southern Bolivia is much worse than it is being officially admitted and more than 300,000 people have been inoculated as a precaution.

The statement, by Argentina's Health Minister, Dr. Ramon Carrillo, said there had been more deaths than the 500 admitted by the Bolivian authorities.

He said that an Argentine Mission which visited the border areas last month found 34 cases, seven of them fatal, on the Argentine side of the frontier.—Reuter.

Greedy hand of Moscow in Far East

London, March 22.

The greedy hand of Moscow is clutching at the countries of South East Asia and the Middle East, the Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, declared today in an attack on fiercer Soviet imperialism.

Mr. Younger, speaking at a luncheon given by the Foreign Press Association in London, said that Britain's policy towards the countries of South East Asia and the Middle East is inspired by the same spirit of mutual respect as Britain has shown in India, Pakistan, Ceylon and Burma.

"We are putting our old imperialism behind us," he added. "But we are not doing so merely in order to acquiesce tamely in the spread of a fiercer imperialism and in the clamping of a more ruthless foreign domination upon the peoples of Europe and Asia, who have a right to expect that the Twentieth Century will bring them greater and not less power to settle their own affairs in accordance with the wishes of their inhabitants."—Reuter.

SCIENTIST REFUSED PASSPORT

Rochester, New York,

March 22.

The State Department has refused a passport to Dr. Peter J. Peters, aged 39, research physicist, for a trip to India to study cosmic rays, the University of Rochester disclosed.

The studies were to have been sponsored and financed by the United States Office of Naval Research under a \$12,000 grant.

Dr. Peters, a German-educated native of Poland, came to America in 1934 and became a citizen in 1940.

In 1948 he was questioned in France by Navy security officers and, on his return to the United States, was questioned by the House Un-American Activities Committee at a closed hearing. Records of the hearing were never made public.

Dr. Alan Valentine, President of the University, said that from personal investigation nothing emerged which in his opinion should impair confidence in Dr. Peters.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said today that the passport was refused as being against the interests of the United States at this time, but would be reconsidered if Dr. Peters can produce evidence that it is not contrary to the country's interests.

Dr. Peters has been specialising in the study of cosmic rays at high altitudes by means of photographic plates carried aloft by balloons.

The base of operations in India was to be at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research in Bombay, described by Dr. Peters as the only organisation in the world offering full scientific facilities near the magnetic Equator.

He said that the equatorial zone is particularly suited for the study of cosmic rays of high energy.—Reuter.

Trygve Lie has meetings with U.S. officials

Washington, March 22.

Mr. Trygve Lie, United Nations Secretary-General, had confidential talks at the State Department today with Mr. Dean Rusk, Deputy Under-Secretary of State, and other officials.

He would not disclose any details of the discussions.

Mr. Lie also called on Dr. Philip Jessup, American Ambassador-at-Large who recently returned from a tour of the Far East, and Mr. John Hickerson, Assistant Secretary of State for United Nations affairs.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today promised careful consideration for the proposal made by Mr. Lie for a meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Security Council Powers.

Mr. Acheson had been asked at his weekly Press conference to comment on the proposal, made by Mr. Lie in a speech here last night, that a Security Council meeting should be held at which members could be represented by their Foreign Ministers, or even the heads of Governments.

Mr. Lie pointed out that the United Nations Charter provided for such special meetings of the Council twice a year, but so far none had been held.

Mr. Acheson said today that any suggestion by Mr. Lie would be given careful and respectful consideration by the United States Government and by all other members of the Security Council before it could be held.

Mr. Acheson declined to discuss the subjects which might form the agenda for such a meeting, or to say how it might differ from normal meetings of the Council.

British efforts

The General Assembly President, Carlos Romulo, is understood to be conducting serious conversations parallel to Mr. Lie's in an effort to settle the United Nations impasse.

The British efforts along the same line ordered by the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, have not been dropped.

United Nations sources express optimism over Mr. Acheson's cautious welcome to Mr. Lie's proposals for a meeting of Foreign Ministers and Chiefs of State in the Security Council. But they warn that Mr. Lie's plan will fail unless the Russians return to the United Nations. The Soviet Union has indicated that she will not come back until the Chinese Nationalist delegation is expelled.

Mr. Lie's visit to the State Department today was by mutual agreement between United States and United Nations officials. Mr. Lie announced last week that he had no appointments with American officials during his Washington visit.

His conferences in the State Department are taken as another indication that the United States Government is willing to let him keep the initiative in attempting to heal the United Nations breach.—Reuter and United Press.

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AMERICAN TANKS FOR TAIWAN

Vancouver, March 22.

The Montreal-owned freighter Argovan will sail from here tomorrow with war supplies for the Chinese Nationalist stronghold of Taiwan.

Captain F. Delaney, of Vancouver, Master of the freighter, said that his ship will unload 75 surplus United States Army tanks on the Island's North coast.—Reuter.

British interest in Burma

London, March 22.

Britain is doing her best to restore stable government in Burma, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told Parliament today.

Mr. Frederick Erroll, Conservative, had asked what he was doing to safeguard British assets there.

Mr. Bevin replied that the British Government's policy towards Burma aimed at securing the fundamental prerequisites for the safeguarding of British assets—the independence of Burma, friendly Burmese-British relations and the restoration of internal law and order.

The Government of Burma's undertaking to give fair treatment to British interests was embodied in the exchange of letters annexed to the Anglo-Burmese Treaty of 1947 and was extended by an exchange of notes made at Rangoon on December 24, 1949, he said.

Mr. Erroll remarked that this had met with little success. Did the Government contemplate more effective steps?

Mr. Bevin replied: "It is unfortunate that there is a civil war in Burma. I cannot promise success but we are doing our best to restore stable government in Burma."

In reply to another question, Mr. Bevin said that Burma had received about £72,000,000 from Britain since the end of the war.

Of this, the repayment of some £36,000,000 was waived under the terms of the 1947 Anglo-Burmese Treaty and about £1,000,000 had been repaid, he added.—Reuter.

ARTHUR HORNER SNUBBED

London, March 22.

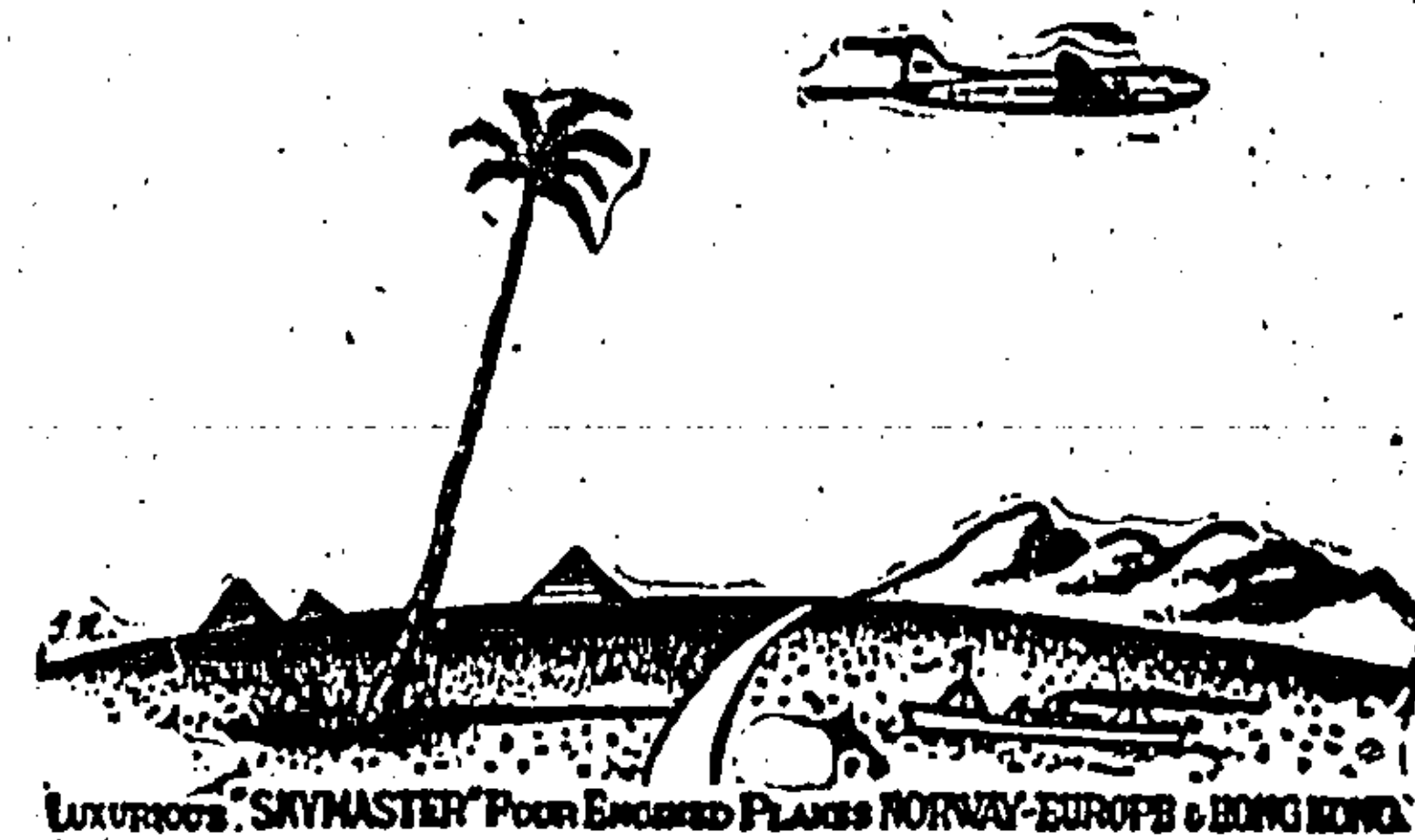
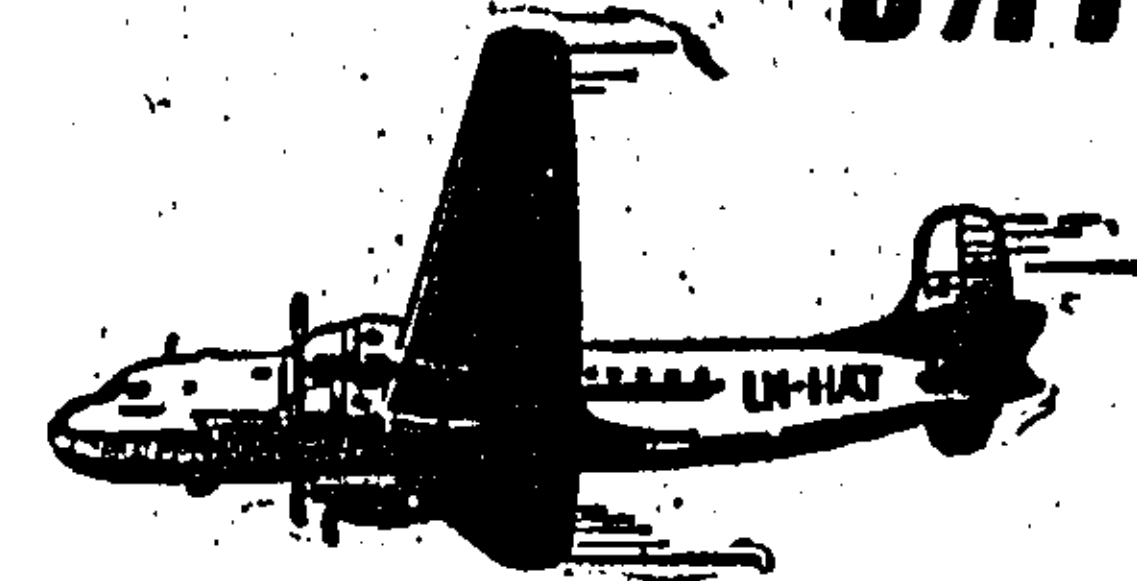
Mr. Arthur Horner, miners' leader and one of Britain's most prominent Communists, was rejected today for a seat on the General Council of the powerful Trades Union Congress.

The National Union of Mineworkers, of which he is General Secretary, put him forward as its official nominee.

But, it is understood, Mr. Horner got only four votes.

The seat went to Mr. B. Walsh, General Secretary of the 24,000-strong National Association of Colliery Overmen.—Reuter.

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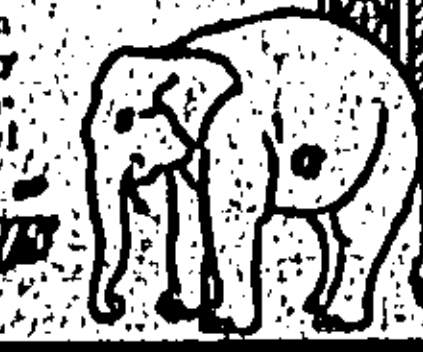
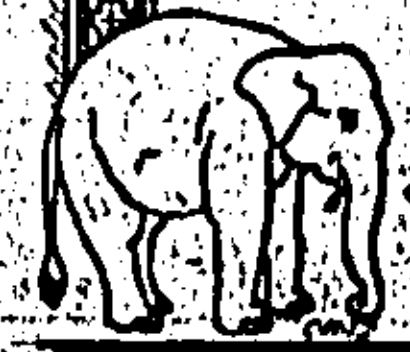
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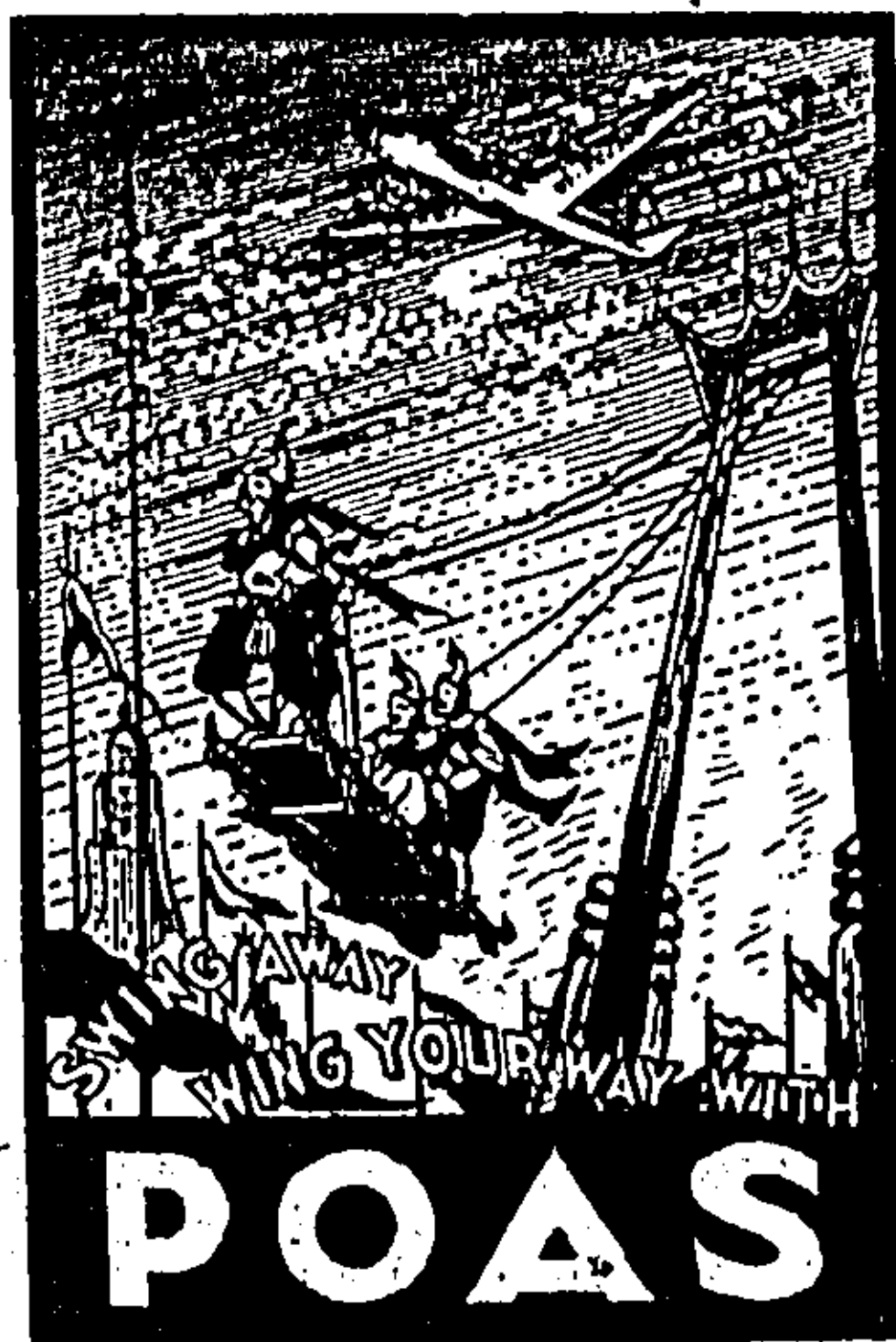
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ARCHBISHOP'S COMPLAINT ON STATE CONTROL

London, March 22.

Dr. Cyril Garbett, Archbishop of York, in a book entitled "Church and State in England," asks that the connection between the Church of England and the State be mended or ended. Dr. Garbett, second only to the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Anglican hierarchy, says the Established Church suffers from the remains of Tudor despotism in the control which the Government still exercises over Church affairs.

Return of Trieste to Italy urged

Trieste, March 22.
Major-General T. G. Airey, Commander of the British and American controlled zone here, urged today in his quarterly report that the Free Territory of Trieste should be returned as soon as possible to Italy.

His report came as observers forecast that the Yugoslavs might attempt to annex their zone after the elections due there in three weeks.

"The restitution of the Free Territory to Italy in the shortest time possible is the sole method of solving the Trieste problem in a just and satisfactory manner," General Airey said.

He said that foreign trade in Trieste during 1949 had reached an all-time record. —Reuter.

Rights of Chinese in Canada

Ottawa, March 22.
The Canadian Government was asked today to repeal immigration laws affecting Chinese and give Chinese the same immigration rights enjoyed by Europeans.

The request was contained in a brief presented to the Immigration Minister, Walter Harris, by a delegation representing groups of non-Chinese and Chinese residents throughout Canada.

Under the present laws, Chinese residents cannot bring children under 18 into Canada and a Chinese must become a naturalized citizen before he can bring his wife and children here.

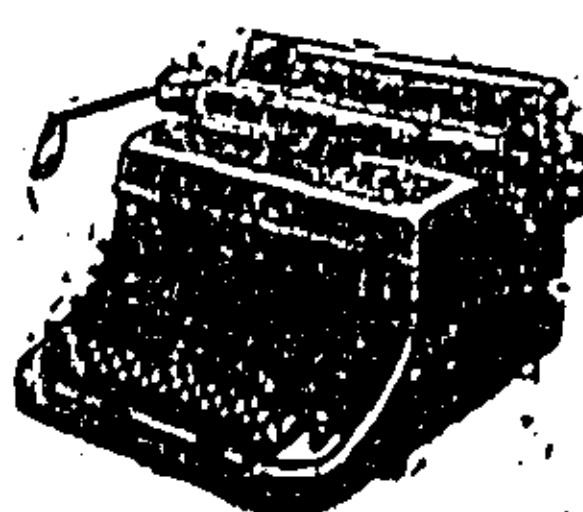
Europeans and South Americans are allowed to bring children into Canada regardless of age and as soon as they become legally resident in Canada.

Emphasizing that no request was being made for a policy of extensive oriental immigration, the brief asked for an overall immigration law free from the present form of racial discrimination. —Associated Press.

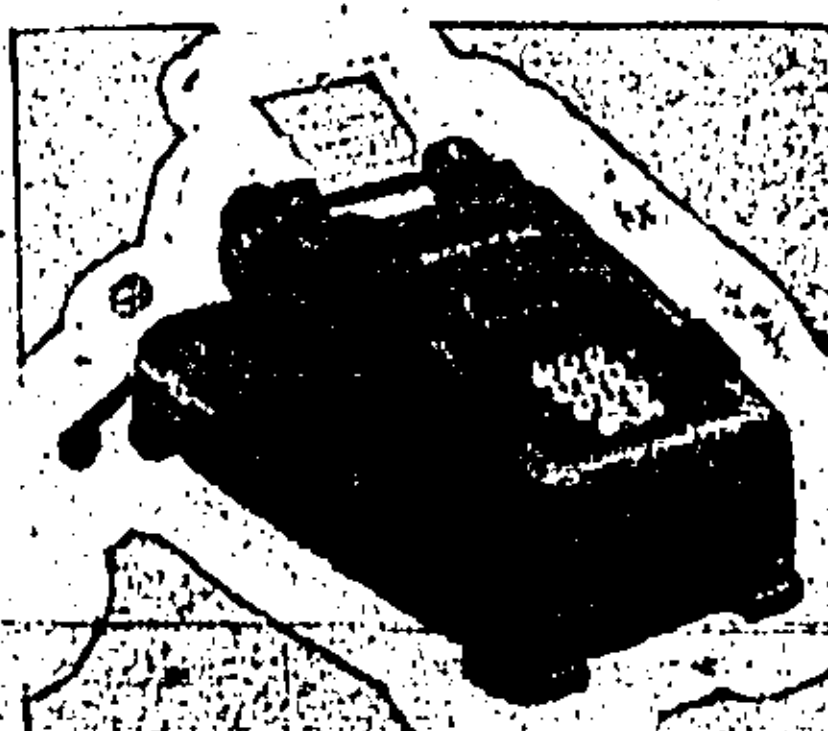
TRAIN WRECK

Bogota, March 22.
Thirty train passengers were killed and many injured today in a wreck caused by a truck wash-out between Buenaventura and Bogota. —Reuter.

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More fighters to guard atomic plant

Washington, March 22.
More fighter-units were today ordered to America's North West to guard air approaches to the atomic plant at Hanford, Washington State, and other vital defence establishments.

The Air Force announced that the headquarters of the 81st Fighter Interceptor Wing and two of its squadrons are being moved from Kirtland base, Albuquerque, New Mexico, to the base at Moses Lake, Washington.

This wing is equipped with North American "Sabre" jet fighters.

About 1,200 people will be involved in the transfer. —Reuter.

COMMONS STATEMENT ON MALAYA

London, March 22.

The Colonial Secretary, Mr. James Griffiths, told Parliament today that there is no evidence of men or material being imported from outside Malaya to help the bandits on anything but a negligible scale.

In addition to the regular army bands there are part-time bands—some only for weekends—and supporters recruited for active service to "replace casualties," he added.

Some men had also probably been recruited by force. This is exceedingly difficult to prevent, but the police are continually on the watch for it.

Mr. Walter Fletcher, Conservative, said that there is a great danger of recruitment arising from the Colonial Secretary's inability to send out of the country the large number of captured Communists.

Mr. Griffiths said Lieutenant-General Sir Harold Briggs, the new Director of Operations, will be flown out to Malaya very soon. He was replying to a question by Mr. Leonard Gammans (Conservative), who had asked whether the military or the police are responsible for the conduct of operations against the bandits.

In view of the continued and growing number of casualties, it is proposed to make any change in the present arrangement, he added.

Mr. Griffiths, in his reply, said that hitherto the Commissioner of Police had been responsible for the general conduct of operations against the bandits, in which the military are acting in support of the civil power.

"But the need for the appointment of an officer free from native administrative responsibilities, to plan, co-ordinate and generally direct the operations of the police and the fighting services has recently been examined by the High Commissioner and it has been decided to create a new civil post of Director of Operations."

In another reply Mr. Griffiths said that the approximate number of casualties in the anti-bandit operations in Malaya for the three months ended March 3, 1950, were: Killed, 11 Servicemen, 76 police, 135 Asiatic civilians and four European civilians; Wounded, 24 Servicemen, 62 police, 108 Asiatic civilians and two Europeans. —Reuter.

FUTURE OF GOA

New Delhi, March 22.
The Government of India, in their recent communication to Lisbon, suggested that the future of Portuguese possessions in India should be settled by negotiation, Indian External Affairs Ministry sources said here today. These sources described as incorrect a recent report from Lisbon (not Reuter) stating that the Government of India had suggested a plebiscite to settle the future of these possessions. —Reuter.

WHITE PAPER ISSUED ON SERETSE DISPUTE

London, March 22.

The official Commission of Inquiry into the chieftainship dispute in Bechuanaland unanimously advised Britain against recognising Seretse Khama, the Government disclosed today.

The Commission—whose report has been kept secret—also recommended that Seretse should be exiled from his tribe.

In a White Paper published today on Britain's thorniest Empire problem for years, the Government gave its reasons for refusing to publish the Commission's report and for banning Seretse and his English wife from his native Bechuanaland for five years.

Certain arguments were advanced in the report and views expressed which could not be accepted by the Government and with which they could not associate themselves, the White Paper said.

"The danger that such parts of the report would be quoted without its being made clear that they had not the approval of the Government is so great that the Government have decided that the report cannot be published," the document went on.

It added, "His Majesty's Government must, however, state categorically that the judicial enquiry unanimously advised against the recognition of Seretse."

"It expressed its belief that in these circumstances Seretse's absence from the Bechuanaland Protectorate was essential to the peace and good order of the Bantustan reserve, and that a period of direct rule would be in the best interests of the Bantustan."

"It further advised that Tsekeledi (Seretse's uncle and former Regent of the tribe who opposed his nephew's marriage) should not be permitted to return to the reserve."

Responsibility of Government

Stressing its paramount responsibility for good government of the Protectorate, the Government summarised its case against Seretse's recognition as follows:

(1) To prevent the disruption of the Bantustan tribe. There were already signs of this in the departure of some leading tribesmen from the reserve with Tsekeledi.

Among the seven tribes of the Protectorate outside the Bantustan reserve opinion was divided. Evidence against Seretse's marriage was given on behalf of the two biggest and most important tribes.

If Seretse were now recognised as chief they could be expected to draw away from the Bantustan. (2) Because of doubts whether Seretse would discharge with success the grave responsibilities of the chieftainship.

"The manner of his marriage has called in question his sense of public duty," the document said.

(3) Because of doubts whether Seretse could retain adequate tribal support.

"There is the added uncertainty"

ELECTIONS IN TASMANIA

Hobart, March 22.

The Governor, Sir Hugh Binnery, today granted the request of the Premier, Thomas Cosgrave, for dissolution of the Tasmanian House of Assembly. New elections are likely on April 22 or 23.

Mr. Cosgrave asked for the dissolution because the Labour Party's majority disappeared when the Speaker, who is independent, resigned. —Associated Press.

DIPHTHERIA IN PHILIPPINES

Manila, March 23.

The city health authorities today said that 21 children had died of diphtheria in Manila during the last three weeks. A report from Cabanatuan, in Nueva Ecija province, said two others had died there.

Dr. Mariano Icasiano, City Health Officer, said the City Health Office has only six vials of anti-diphtheria vaccine left and no money to buy more. —United Press.

REBELS FIGHT REBELS

Rangoon, March 22.
A Burma Government spokesman said today that rival rebel groups may wipe themselves out in fighting one another to control Central Burma's fertile Irrawaddy valley.

Chief antagonists in the looming battle for rebel supremacy, the informant said, are White Flag Communists (Stalinists) and White Band PVOs (People's Volunteer Organisation).

The Government has increasing reports of sharper clashes between the rival groups. If the fight develops on a wide enough scale, the spokesman said, Government troops would merely have to move in and clear up the mess.

The PVOs, who last week were driven out of Prome, communications centre North of Rangoon, by Communists retailed with a strong attack on Thayemyo, North of Prome. Latest reports said the PVOs were victorious at Thayemyo after bitter fighting costing both sides heavy losses.

Rebels fighting rebels in the area last year paralysed the vital river trade and virtually shut down the oil industry managed by British companies.

The Government reported an attack on Lashio, a Government-held town North-East of Mandalay. A communiqué which did not identify the attackers said the rebels were driven off after a battle in which 25 rebels were killed and 34 captured. Associated Press.

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Britain trying out new weapon

London, March 22.

Britain is experimenting with new types of torpedoes which will nose out enemy submarines, set their own course and finally strike.

Giving details in a Parliamentary debate on the Navy Estimates today, Mr. James Callaghan, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, said the new weapons are called homing torpedoes.

Pianist disappears in Prague

Prague, March 22.

A Greek Legation spokesman said today that a 55-year-old Russian-born pianist of Greek nationality had disappeared in Prague after a visit to the police.

The Czechoslovak Ministry for Foreign Affairs has given no satisfactory reply to the Greek enquiries concerning the man.

The spokesman said that the pianist, Giorgos Mavromatis, who had lived in Czechoslovakia for 20 years, was on March 10 ordered to leave Czechoslovakia within 24 hours for endangering the safety of the Republic.

A Greek diplomat called on the police the same day and asked for a fortnight's extension to enable Mavromatis to make arrangements to leave. Mavromatis the same evening was promised a fortnight's extension and summoned to the police station.

He had not been heard of since. The police claimed that he had signed a document acknowledging permission to remain a fortnight longer in Czechoslovakia over the past four or five months and that the Greek Legation had protested in each individual case.

There are between 90 and 100 still there.—Reuter.

SOVIET ENVOY TO PAKISTAN

Karachi, March 22. The first Soviet Ambassador to Pakistan, Alexander Georgevitch Stetsenko, who is accompanied by a staff of 22, presented his credentials to the Governor-General today.—Associated Press.

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They will "home" on enemy submarines in due course. They can be launched from an aircraft or fired from underwater, he said.

The policy of the Admiralty is directed on all fronts to countering the submarine menace.

"The possession of a large force of submarines in any country must always constitute a perpetual menace to our lines of communications," he said.

Mr. Callaghan contested Mr. Winston Churchill's recent assumption that British escort vessels are now obsolete.

"That is not true against the major number of submarines in the world afloat today," he said.

"Our existing escort ships, which beat the submarine menace the last time, will still be able to beat the conventional submarine existing today," he added.

Major development

The Admiralty plans that all British anti-submarine ships should, in due course, be able to hunt the new type of submarines with a fast battery drive—one of the major submarine developments since the war.

The battery drive enables ordinary, comparatively slow, speeds to be boosted for a limited period so that the submarine can get under the tail of a convoy, fire its torpedoes and get away, he explained.

This is a substantial menace and Britain is building new frigates and converting existing vessels to deal with it.

Other points Mr. Callaghan made:

All British battleships are now in reserve, except the 42,000-ton Vanguard.

There are mixed views whether it is worthwhile keeping these giants at all, but the Admiralty thinks it would be folly to cast them away for the £62,000 a year which each costs to maintain.

Three eight-inch gun County class cruisers—Norfolk, Sussex and London—are being scrapped.—Reuter.

GOLD COAST LEADER GAOLED

Accra, March 22. Kwame Nkrumah, extremist Gold Coast nationalist leader, received 12 months' imprisonment in one court here today and was then taken to another where his appeal against sentence of 12 months on a separate charge was dismissed.

In the first court, Mr. Justice Chalmers Smith sentenced Nkrumah on charges of sedition. With Nkrumah was John Markham, editor of the "Accra Evening News," who received three months' imprisonment.

Nkrumah is owner and publisher of the "Accra Evening News". Markham is its editor. They were charged with publishing statements likely to incite public feeling against the Government.

In another court in the same building Judge Coussey dismissed Nkrumah's appeal against a 12-month sentence for inciting illegal strikes.

Nkrumah will face similar charges at the Cape Coast Assizes next month. Kofi Banko, editor of the "Cape Coast Daily Mail," also owned by Nkrumah, will be tried with him.—Associated Press.

Bevin rejects approach to Stalin

London, March 22.

Britain does not favour a direct approach to Stalin on atomic energy because she does not think it would be a success, the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, told Parliament today.

"We think it would land us in difficulties and we prefer to adhere to the proper machinery laid down in the United Nations," he said.

Amid cheers, Mr. Bevin declared: "If a country will not open its borders for inspection what is the use of entering into an agreement when you do not know whether it is being kept or not?"

Mr. Bevin added, "I cannot accept the view that the mere solution of the atomic energy problem means absolute peace in this world. There is conventional armament and a whole range of problems that must be dealt with in this connection."—Reuter.

Moscow's attack on Acheson

Moscow, March 22.

The "New Times" magazine, denouncing the speech of the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, took a line similar to Sunday's "Pravda", namely that Mr. Acheson's total diplomacy sounds like total war.

L.L. Rovinsky, analysing Mr. Acheson's "seven commandments of total diplomacy," indignantly categorically rejected each, saying it is the "twin sister of atomic diplomacy or the policy of force, economic expansion, and military aggression."

He branded Mr. Acheson's denial that America seeks satellites as the "Pearl of Herat," stating that Italy, Greece and other countries are run by an American galleon. Like previous Soviet utterances, the "New Times" accused the United States of practicing a policy of blackmail and threats, "pursuing Forrestal's spiritual heritage of branding existing atom bombs or imaginary hydrogen bombs."

But, declared the magazine, nothing can frighten the Soviet Union, and Acheson displayed his own intellectual poverty in trying to defend the bankrupt American foreign policy. The "Literary Gazette" devoted a full page today to the peace struggle, leading with the declaration of the recently concluded Stockholm conference of Peace Partisans.

"We shall consider criminal that government which first uses the atomic weapon against any country," it said. The article included a cartoon captioned "scarecrow," showing President Truman astride a horse blowing a bubble balloon marked "hydrogen bomb."

The Academician, A. Trainin, expert on international law, mentioned air force Secretary Symington and "other United States officials who repeatedly in public declarations tried to threaten the Soviet people with planes and bombs."

He said: "The warmongers will not be able to repeat history and draw mankind into the catastrophe of a new war. But if the incendiaries of atomic war will disregard the warning voices of peoples desiring peace they will share the fate of the Nazi leaders of the Third Reich."—United Press.

The second of six articles on:

The Chinese Revolution

This is the story of the Chinese revolution which led to the Communist victories in China. It is these which, in turn, have led up to the crisis in Anglo-Chinese affairs, and to the dispatch of the British Defence Force in Hong Kong.

The great hero of the early years of the Chinese revolution was Dr. Sun Yat-sen. He was born in 1866 in a village near Macao. His father was a poor farmer, who had become a convert to Christianity through the work of the London Missionary Society. Some of his relatives were however better off. They were tailors, and they had business connections with Hawaii.

Through their aid Sun Yat-sen became a student at the Hong Kong Medical School, and was in fact its first graduate in 1894. Thereafter he devoted himself to politics. He was deeply influenced by the political life of the West. He based all his political thought on what he called the Three Principles—Nationalism, Democracy, Socialism.

Began a long career in organising revolution, against the government of the Manchu emperors. Sometimes he was abroad, sometimes in China, but he never wavered in his purpose: He was able to appeal to straight-out Chinese nationalism because the Manchus were not Chinese but were a nomad people from Manchuria, akin to the Mongols. They had conquered China in the middle of the 17th century, and though they governed by means of the Chinese Civil Service they used large numbers of Manchu troops to maintain their position.

Kidnapped in London. On one occasion during his life of plotting Sun Yat-sen was actually kidnapped in London by the Chinese Ambassador, who intended to ship him back to China where he would have been executed. He was kept prisoner in an upper room of the Embassy in Portland Place, but managed to smuggle out in a coal-scuttle a letter addressed to his friend, Dr. Cantile, a medical missionary, who was then in London. The letter was delivered to Dr. Cantile by an English footman, and the British Prime Minister, Lord Salisbury, of the outrage by the Chinese Ambassador. Lord Salisbury at once intervened and the Ambassador was ordered to release his prisoner. To this day the attic in Portland Place where Sun Yat-sen was detained is kept as a kind of shrine.

Sun's great opportunity came in 1911 when an outbreak of revolt all over the country caused the Manchus to abdicate. The Dynasty had been crumbling for a long time, and the revolutionary movement had been growing. It had been only a matter of time before the Emperor fell.

This was the period when all the world seemed to be adopting parliamentary democracy as a standard form of government. China, too, was to have its parliament. Sun Yat-sen headed the Nationalist Party called the Kuomintang. But he quickly found that the parliament at Peking was a stooge one under the control of an ambitious general, Yuan Shih-kai, who after betraying the Manchus was plotting to become emperor himself. So Sun again went into opposition and was the main force behind the overthrow of Yuan Shih-kai in 1917.

Sun could overthrow reactionary governments. But throughout his life he could not establish a real government of his own. He was always dependent on one or other of the generals or war lords who had divided power between them after the collapse of the imperial government. But towards the end of his life Sun, acting on the experience he had gained

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city of the South, Canton, and was organising its future government. The first step which Sun took was the reorganisation of his party, the Kuomintang. This took place in January 1924. Until then, the party had been a loose association of politicians, rather like a parliamentary party in Great Britain or America. It was because it was so loosely organised that it had been unable to exercise real political authority.

Sun Yat-sen was deeply impressed by the very different history of the Communist Party in Russia. He therefore decided to reorganise the Kuomintang on the same lines as the Russian party. It was to become a disciplined, centralised party. It was to be a real instrument of governing China—and not simply a parliamentary group.

Military force

The second great decision made about the same time, was to build up an army. The Kuomintang was to have its own military force, and would no longer be dependent on generals and soldiers of fortune.

To build this army Sun selected a dour and strangely idealistic young soldier named Chiang Kai-shek. He regarded him as his political heir. What Sun, the civilian, had not been able to do he called on Chiang, the soldier, to accomplish. The sword and the gun were to be used instead of the speech and the vote.

The other decisive act of Sun Yat-sen's last years was to make an agreement with Russia. After he had in vain appealed to the West for technical assistance, in building up a Chinese national

government, Sun Yat-sen turned to the Bolsheviks. This was a gamble. In the past Russia had been the external power which China most feared. In the 19th century its pressure on China had been severe. But after the revolution Russia made the gesture of abrogating all its so-called unequal treaties with China and renounced its special privileges in Manchuria.

The Russian revolution began to appear a model which China could follow for modernising itself and building up a new social order. Moreover Russia appeared to be a power which would champion China in reasserting itself against the other great powers which had exploited its weaknesses and forced it to give them extra-territorial privileges and treaty ports.

In consequence, in 1924, Sun Yat-sen held his series of conversations with the Russian representative in China, Mr. Joffe. Russia agreed to give China the aid which it sought. Sun Yat-sen did not, however, become a Communist. Even though the Kuomintang was organised on similar lines to the Russian Communist Party, it was to pursue its own, non-Communist, aims. This was made quite clear when the Chinese-Russian understanding was announced.

The statement included the following passage: "Dr. Sun holds that the Communist order, or even the Soviet system, cannot actually be introduced into China because there do not exist here the conditions for the successful establishment of either Communism or Socialism."

Sun Yat-sen died in 1925. Twenty-five years were to pass before the Chinese collaboration became really intimate. In the interval Sun Yat-sen's party had swung far away from Sun's attitude and had led a violent anti-Communist crusade.

(To be continued)

EGYPT STAYING IN THE STERLING AREA

Cairo, March 22.

Egypt's recent purchase of gold and U.S. Treasury bonds in New York does not mean that the Nile kingdom is deserting the sterling area for the dollar bloc.

This is according to a consensus of Cairo financial circles.

This opinion is given despite the statement by one Wafdist (Government) Party leader that Egypt would make further investments in gold and U.S. bonds with the intention of loosening ties with the sterling area.

Trade and industry sources say such a shift is unlikely and would be to Egypt's disadvantage. Egypt bought \$25,000,000 worth of gold and \$22,000,000 in U.S. Treasury bonds.

Believing the bonds easily convertible into gold, economists estimate that the deal increased to 30,000,000 Egyptian pounds the gold backing of Egypt's currency. Currency notes in circulation total 174,000,000 Egyptian pounds. The Egyptian pound is worth US\$2.871.

Eighty per cent of the backing of Egypt's currency consists of holdings of British Treasury bonds.

There is one reason why, according to Cairo bankers, it would not be easy to sever connections with the sterling bloc, although Egypt officially has been out of the sterling area since 1947. The Egyptian pound de-

valued when the sterling pound went down.

A disaster

One leading Egyptian businessman said it would be true Egypt would come closer to the dollar area if further purchases of U.S. Treasury bonds and dollars are made.

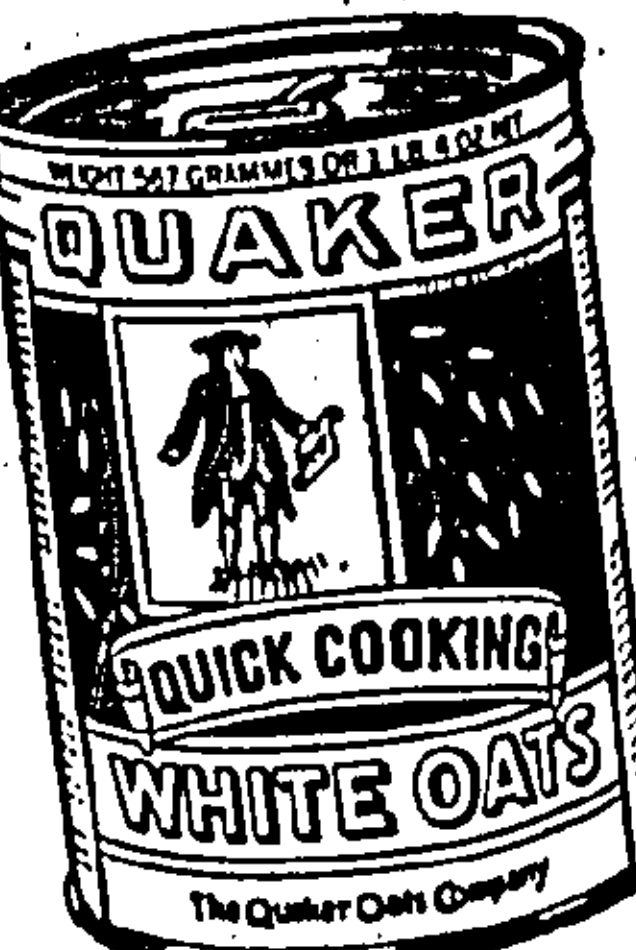
Such a step, he claimed, however, would be disastrous to their economic position. He said they would not be able to buy their main export item—cotton. He added:

"Britain, which now buys the bulk of Egyptian cotton, would have little reason to keep on buying the Egyptian fibre, if we are out of the sterling area."

"On the other hand, we would depend entirely upon the United States for our essential imports. But the United States needs nothing from Egypt. Trade relations between the two countries would be marked by a dangerous lack of balance."—Associated Press.

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"TELEMACHUS"	U.K. via Jeddah & Straits	2nd Apr.
"AUTOLYCUS"	U.K. via Straits	11th Apr.
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"TAIPING"	Australia & Manila	In Port
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BELGIAN SITUATION EXTREMELY SERIOUS

Brussels, March 22.

Belgium, without a Government and with bigger strikes threatened, faces a crisis tonight over the issue of King Leopold's return.

M. Gaston Eyskens, the Catholic "caretaker" Prime Minister, today abandoned his efforts to solve the 10-day old Royal problem and warned the nation that the situation is extremely grave.

He resigned and another Catholic, Count Henri Carton de Wiart, Minister without Portfolio, took over his four-day efforts to form a new Government.

A secret session of the Ministers of State—Belgium's 26-man Privy Council—was called for tomorrow.

"The situation in the country is extremely grave," M. Eyskens told reporters tonight. "Therefore it is perfectly normal that the Regent, as the Head of State, should seek the advice of the Ministers of State who form the country's supreme consultative body."

Count de Wiart will carry on the inquiry mission in the same spirit as I did and in accord with me," M. Eyskens said.

The Count, who is a veteran Social Christian (Catholic)

Senator, commented: "The country should get back on the constitutional rails. This, as far as I am concerned, means the return of the King."

He described the Ministers of State as not merely notables but honoured statesmen to whose experience and wisdom the Chief of State resorts in grave or critical moments of national life.

Manoeuvre by Socialists

The Ministers of State, drawn from the three main parties—Catholics, Liberals and Socialists—are not members of the Cabinet. They form a consultative body to advise the Head of State in an emergency.

The members include Count Hubert Pierlot, war-time Premier, and M. Paul Henri Spaak, the Socialist ex-Premier.

M. Eyskens' Catholic-Liberal Coalition Government resigned on Saturday after disagreement on the means to reach a Parliamentary decision on the Royal problem. It did so six days after the nation's indecisive 57.6 per cent vote for Leopold's return.

M. Spaak has earlier appealed to the King to abdicate in favour of his son, 10-year-old Prince Baudouin, and Liberal opinion—hitherto divided on the issue—was reported to be hardening against the King's return.

Belgium's Socialists, in the latest move of their anti-Leopold campaign, tried today to extend to bilingual Brussels the 24-hour general strike planned in the French-speaking South on Friday.

Anti-Leopold marches

Socialist Members of Parliament will lead anti-Leopold marches through the streets of Liege, Mons and Charleroi, centres of the industrialized South. More than 300,000 workers are to take part in these marches.

Last night the Liberals said that they would adhere only to a Government of national concord and appeasement. For the Socialists, the only solution is King Leopold's abdication in favour of Prince Baudouin. The Communists want Belgium to become a "Popular Republic."

Meanwhile, King Leopold is under a heavy fire of contradictory advice at his lakeside villa at Fregny, near Geneva.

He is receiving telephone calls and visitors from Brussels. Some of them urge the King to abdicate in two stages if not immediately. Other exhort him to hold fast and only abide by the decision of Parliament.

Nationwide strike

Today, the National Committee of the General Federation of Labour said that the present strike plans are only a prelude to a vaster action.

A communique issued following a meeting of the Committee today added that the nationwide general strike will be unleashed at an opportune moment.

Count de Wiart is not expected to begin his consultations until after the Ministers of State have met tomorrow. The Count is one of Belgium's former Premiers and has held various other Ministerial posts since 1912.

Count de Wiart entered Parliament 58 years ago. During the occupation he remained in Belgium and was taken as hostage by the Germans but released after a short spell in prison—Reuter.

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12.15—Roman Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father A. W. Gallagher, S. J. (Studio)

12.30—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

12.45—Victor Silvester's Songs

12.45—London Studio Melodies—Anne Ziegler and Webster Booth with Blanche Torch and His Orchestra (Studio)

1.15—News, Weather Report and Announcements

1.25—Interlude

1.30—Lunchtime Music

2.00—Close Down

5.00—Description of Play in Colony Finals Tennis Championships

6.00—"Hong Kong Calling"—Programme Summary

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"TJIBADANE"	IN PORT	28th Mar.
"TJITJALENGKA"	8th Apr.	10th Apr.

MANILA, EAST & SOUTH AFRICA & SOUTH AMERICA

"BOISBEVAIN"	24th Mar.	10th Apr.
"STRAAT BOENDA"	13th Apr.	15th Apr.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	2nd May	4th May
"TEGELBERG"	13th May	1st June

JAPAN

"BERLAGE"	27th Mar.	27th Mar.
"BOISBEVAIN"	9th Apr.	10th Apr.
"STRAAT BOENDA"	13th Apr.	15th Apr.
"STRAAT MALAKKA"	2nd May	4th May
"TEGELBERG"	13th May	1st June

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JAPAN

"HOOGKERK"	2nd Apr.	17th Apr.
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COTTONS

Exos. 30, 30 1/2, 31 1/2.

Washington, March 22. The Japanese cotton textile industry expects to export 1,000,000,000 yards of fabric this year. This will exceed the 1949 exports of cloth by 250,000,000 yards and constitute about 60 per cent of the expected 1950 production.

The industry at present has 3,750,000 spindles in place and hopes to be operating 4,000,000 by the end of this year. This compares with about 12,000,000 spindles operating in 1940.

The country hopes to have about 6,000,000 operating by 1955.

This cross-section of the Japanese textile industry was given here by F. Shimakawa, representative of Marubeni Company, Limited, of Osaka, said to be one of the largest textile producers in Japan.

The Japanese spinners, he said, are in the midst of a new export market to replace those lost in China, the Philippines, India and South and Central America.

Indonesia, Thailand, East and West Africa and Hong Kong at present are being looked to absorb the bulk of the Japanese textiles, he said.

While Japan has lost her textile markets in various South African and other nations, Mr. Shimakawa said, Japanese machinery manufacturers are selling textile machines in those areas.

Also, he said, his company is selling high speed looms spindles in Siam, Burma, Pakistan and India.

Anti-dumping policy

He added now that the industry is virtually back in private hands and free of occupation authority, trade is being conducted by travelling representatives in place of government to government negotiations. The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry is now regulating the textile trade in place of the prewar Board of Trade which was dissolved by the occupation authorities, Mr. Shimakawa said.

The industry is committed to an anti-dumping policy, the Japanese said. He indicated this should meet the apprehensions possibly held by other textile producing countries which allegedly suffered from Japanese dumping policies followed before the war.

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Tanah Merah 31 1/2.

Tobon Rubber 15 1/2.

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New York Stock Exchange

New York, March 22.

A steady buying drive lifted the stock market to a new three-and-a-half year high today.

Key stocks moved up fractions to around a point and in a few cases more. Heavy trading accompanied the rise with sales for the full session approaching 2,000,000 shares.

The move was started by a group of utility and communication stocks which were also bought heavily on Tuesday. The balance of the market dawdled along an uneventful course until shortly before mid-day when demand took a more aggressive turn.

The rise was the largest since a week ago when the market took one of the sturdiest gains in a couple of years. In the mean time prices have moved narrowly.

Many of the stocks which climbed to 140 and 150 on Tuesday made more progress today. In this group were American Telephone, American Water Works, Western Union and American and Foreign Power common and \$8 and \$7 preferred.

Gainers elsewhere included U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, Chrysler, Studebaker, Montgomery Ward, J. I. Case, Boeing, Admiral Corporation, Emerson Radio, Zenith Radio, Southern California Edison, International Telephone, Allied Chemical, Du Pont, Philip Morris, International Paper, Santa Fe, Southern Pacific, Standard Oil of New Jersey and General Electric.

Boosted in the curb were American Bantam, Cities Service, Clarks Neon, Colonial Sand, National Fuel Gas, Electric Bond and Share, United Light, Royalite Oil and Process Metals.

Dow Jones averages: Stocks 209.31; 20 Industrials 55.07; 15 Rails 48.70; 10 Utilities 75.39.

Closing quotations:

Adams Express 22 1/2.

Alaska Juneau 2 1/2.

American Can 117 1/2.

" Smelting 52 1/2.

" Tobacco 15 1/2.

" Waterworks 11 1/2.

Anacosta Copper 28 1/2.

Aviation Corp. 7 1/2.

Baldwin Locomotive 11 1/2.

Barnsdall 51 1/2.

Bendix Aviation 42 1/2.

Bethlehem Steel 34 1/2.

Boeing Aircraft 28 1/2.

Borden Co. 51 1/2.

Canadian Pacific 15 1/2.

J. I. Case 45 1/2.

Chrysler 67 1/2.

Colgate 46 1/2.

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Du Pont 68 1/2.

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General Electric 47 1/2.

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Goodrich 84 1/2.

Goodyear 51 1/2.

Honesty Mining 45 1/2.

International Harvester 20 1/2.

" Paper 30 1/2.

" Tel. & Tel. 12 1/2.

Johns Manville 40 1/2.

Kennecott Copper 51 1/2.

Montgomery Ward 57 1/2.

National Distillers 23 1/2.

Lead 39 1/2.

New York Central 13 1/2.

Packard Motors 34 1/2.

Pan American Airways 10 1/2.

Pennsylvania RR 17 1/2.

Radio Corp. 15 1/2.

Remington Rand 14 1/2.

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Reynolds Tobacco 39 1/2.

Schenley 30 1/2.

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Shell Oil 40 1/2.

Socony Vacuum 17 1/2.

Southern Pacific 52 1/2.

Standard Brands 31 1/2.

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Studebaker 30 1/2.

Union Bag 29 1/2.

" Carbide 44 1/2.

US Rubber 43 1/2.

" Steel 32 1/2.

" Lines 16 1/2.

Westinghouse 34 1/2.

Youngtown Sheet & Tube 82 1/2.

Gen. Pub. Utilities 17 1/2.

Rails were up by minor fractions to more than a point.—Associated Press.

Money Market

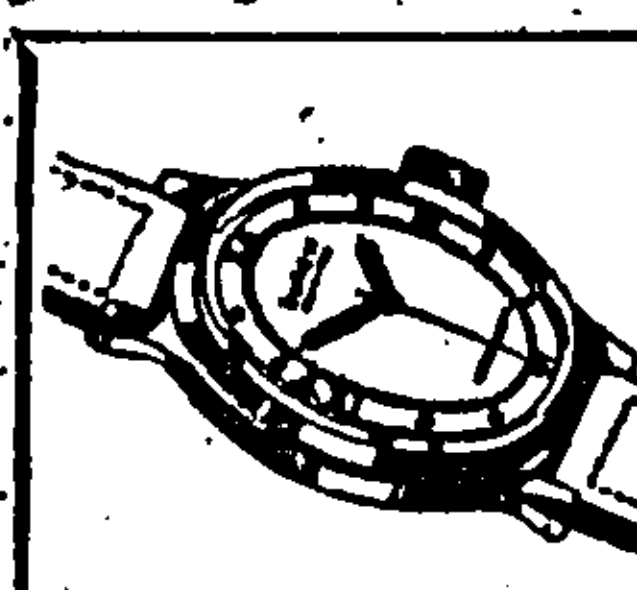
A further drop brought the price of US dollars down to HK\$3.30 at the close of the market yesterday. The opening rate was \$3.33.

TT was down to HK\$4.35 after opening at \$3.88 1/2.

Sterling at HK\$15.35, and Australian pounds at HK\$13.20, were unchanged from the previous day.

Plastics were again nominal at HK\$12.50 a 100.

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Sports Pause



Tennis:

IP KOON-HUNG RETAINS COLONY SINGLES TITLE

Ip Koon-hung, the 1949 Colony Grasscourt and Hardcourt Tennis Singles champion, retained his Grasscourt title for the current year yesterday, defeating Tsui Wai-pui in the final at Chater Road by 6-2, 6-0 and 6-3.

Starting at 4.30 p.m., the match ended at 5.14 p.m. giving this season's Singles tournament one of the shortest finals in the history of the series.

It is true that not even the most optimistic of the record crowd that witnessed the game, entertained any idea that Tsui would dethrone the champion, to whom he conceded no less than 10 years in age.

There were many, however, who expected Tsui to put up a much better fight than he did, in view of his line swinging against Spence in the semi-final.

But the Tsui of yesterday was only about 50 per cent of the Tsui that played Spence. His services lacked their usual sting, while his drives and smashing shots seldom found their intended destinations.

Ip, on the other hand showed vast improvement in his game.

Fine exhibition

To the many critics who have remarked that there is too much straightforwardness in his play, that there is little change of pace or length in his drives, Ip replied yesterday with a fine exhibition of varied pace and length.

Cleverly drawing his opponent up to the mid-court with half court drives, he followed them up with full-length drives and well-timed follow-ups to the net.

The benefits that he has derived from his match with Masip were conspicuously shown yesterday.

Having had a taste of Masip's passing shots, it was noticeable that Ip was more judicious in his rushes up to the net. He also seemed to have collected one more useful stroke to his already wide repertoire, the drop volley.

Ip opened the service and met with early success when Tsui overdrove two of his services in succession. An ace gave him a 40-love lead.

One point was conceded Tsui when his fourth drive missed the line, but a good first service which Tsui netted brought him the first game.

Game brightens up

The game brightened up a little in the next game with some good rallies. Tsui held his service and so did Ip in the third game.

Ip then broke through Tsui's service, after taking a 40-love lead with a sizzling backhand cross-drive which put a position, a drop-lobe-volley sequence, and a double fault by Tsui.

Tsui brought the score to 30-40, but a stray backhand side line drive gave Ip the fourth game and a lead of 3-1.

Thirty-love down on Ip's service in the next game, Tsui fought back to 30-40, when Ip then netted a baseline volley and followed up with a double fault to give Tsui his second game.

Tsui failed to hold his next and Ip, warming up to his usual fore-court game, then served his way to a love-game to lead 5-2.

Victoria Club Callover

London, March 22.

Monaveen, the Royal challenger, for next Saturday's Grand National at Aintree, became a clear 100 to 9 second favourite at the Victoria Club callover tonight.

Public support for the horse, owned jointly by the Queen and her daughter, Princess Elizabeth, has been strengthening daily and he is expected to challenge Freebooter as the first market choice before the "off".

Freebooter eased half a point to 15 to 2. Monaveen's stable companion Cromwell, shares third place in the betting with last year's runner-up, Roimond.

The main hope for the Irish, Shagreen, shares another point to 100 to 7, while the price of Yorkshire-trained Vot No Sun tumbled another three points and he is now a firm 25 to 1 chance.

Little change was shown in the others quoted, although Russian Hero, last year's victor, was well supported his price being cut two points to 20 to 1.

The full betting is: 100 to 2, Freebooter; 100 to 9, Monaveen; 100 to 8, Cromwell; 100 to 7, Shagreen; 20 to 1, Russian Hero; 25 to 1, Vot No Sun; and Castledormed, 20 to 1.

Clonacraig, 33 to 1; Fighting Line, 40 to 1; Action Major, and Galaxy, 40 to 1; Angel Hill, 40 to 1; Rowland Boy, 50 to 1; Morn's, 50 to 1; Ivor, 50 to 1; and 50 to 1.

HOCKEY FIXTURES

The following are the Hong Kong Hockey Association fixtures for Sunday, March 23:

Navy v Nomads. RNRC No. 1. 11.30 a.m., Mr. Blinke, Mr. Grewell.

RAF v KITC. Kat Tak. 10.45 a.m. Q. M. S. 1. McAllen. Sgt. Maj. Hannan.

Police v "B" Boundary. St. 10.30 a.m., S/Ldr. Padley, W. O. Smith.

Army v Pak SC Sookunpoo. 11.15 (subject to arrival of Empire Orwell on Saturday); Mr. Palmer, Mr. Gurevitch.

YMCA v Chand Tara. RNRC No. 1. 10.00, P. O. Brandy, P. O. Sullivan.

Recreio v Club, Recreio. 10.00. Mr. Guest, Capt. Payne.

Dutch v Hong Kong University. RNRC No. 1. 10.00, C. Y. S. Gater, Mr. Xavier.

Amended fixture list

The following is the amended fixture list for the remainder of the season:

Thursday March 23; Navy v Commandos.

Thursday March 30; HKU v Navy.

Sunday April 2; Pak SC v Navy.

Sunday April 9; Army v Navy.

"Army v Recreio 'A' (Postponed). (Intercept P.M.).

Wednesday April 5; Recreio 'A' v Army.

Thursday April 6; Recreio 'B' v HKU.

Sunday April 9; Club v HKU.

Tuesday April 11; Army v Commandos.

Wednesday April 12; RAF v Recreio 'A'.

Sunday April 16; Recreio 'A' v Dutch.

Sunday April 18; KITC v HKU.

Friday April 21; Army v YMCA.

Sunday April 23; KITC v Club.

Sunday April 30; Nomads v Police.

Sunday May 7; Police v Pak SC.

(To be arranged).

Recreio 'A' v Recreio 'B'.

RAF v HKU.

Police v YMCA.

Club Secretaries are requested to confirm the above amended fixtures with the Association Fixtures Secretary, CYS. Gater, Tel. Dockyard 10381. Ext. 166, as early as possible.

HOCKEY GAME ENDS IN DRAW

In a keenly contested friendly hockey game at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Crusaders and Shell Sports Club shared eight goals.

F.A. Cup semi-final:

Arsenal beat Chelsea 1-0 after extra time

London, March 22.

A goal by the right-wing, Freddy Cox, in the fading seconds of the first half of extra time shot-started Chelsea's Football Association Cup hopes and put Arsenal into the final for the fifth time.

This goal beat a gallant Chelsea side in the semi-final replay on Tottenham Hotspurs' ground, where a crowd of 65,482 saw the teams play themselves to a standstill in a thrill-packed game.

The vital goal came when Cox, taking a pass from the centre-forward, Goring, found himself unchallenged and, cutting past a tired Chelsea defence, he beat the diving Medhurst with a left foot shot from about the penalty spot.

Cox, playing on a ground he knew so well from his Tottenham days, was the centre of wild scenes of enthusiasm as spectators clambered over the barriers and swarmed on to the pitch to hug and congratulate the Arsenal players.

After the police had cleared the pitch, Chelsea fought back strongly for a goal but Arsenal's defence, sound throughout, stood firm.

Defences dominated a hard game which, though lacking in skill, provided all the thrills and spills of Cup tie football.

The crowd, invaded the pitch again at the end, and it took the police some time to clear a way through to the dressing rooms for the players.

Arsenal will not know their opponents in the final at Wembley on April 29 until the other local rivals, Everton and Liverpool, decide their semi-final.

Dangerous team

In the first half, although Chelsea's play was forceful and often threatening, the Arsenal side were considered the slightly more dangerous team.

Arsenal pressed hotly on resumption after the interval, Chelsea settled down and the play

went from end to end in typical thrilling Cup tie football.

Most of Arsenal's raids were two-man efforts, but they produced one brilliant combined move which caught Chelsea's defence napping and, as a result, Denis Compton's shot was deflected just outside the post.

At the other end, Bentley twice got his head to Chelsea's corners, each time beating Leslie Compton with a tremendous leap, but no goal resulted.

As each side strove desperately for the vital first goal, several petty fouls crept into the game.

Narrow escapes

A succession of narrow escapes at each end kept the crowd at a high pitch of excitement, and those in the open hardly noticed the light drizzle which started.

Once, Logan missed a wonderful chance for Arsenal by over-running the ball, and he grasped a post and shook it in disgust.

Defences remained firm and with no score after 90 minutes half an hour's extra play was necessary.

After more thrilling exchanges and near misses, Freddy Cox scored in the 14th minute of extra time.

Goring, the centre-forward, worried his way through and passed to Cox. Unchallenged, Cox cut into the centre, and beat Medhurst with a low, left foot drive—Reuter.

Miss Ulian Khoo enters shuttle final

(By "ARGONAUT")

Miss Ulian Khoo, holder of the Colony Ladies' Singles Badminton title, waved aside a game challenge of Recreio's Mrs. Margie Rozario, in yesterday's semi-final games at Kowloon Cricket Club to enter the final of this season's tournament.

In the Senior Men's Doubles games, the Chinese YMCA had a successful night, both their pairs winning in straight sets. C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo beat G. Lum and J. Koo, 15-7 and 15-9, and R. Tay and P. H. Wong eliminated Bill Funk and S. K. Howe 15-4, 15-6, to make the final of this event another all-YMCA affair.

The opening match of the evening between K. Y. Tso and B. Saw and E. C. Y. Hsi and S. Hsi in the Schoolboys' Doubles event, saw Tso and Saw, who were much the bigger boys, beat the Hsi brothers. Sonny Hsi, standing barely four feet, however, earned rounds of applause with some delightful strokes.

The two University pairs of S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheong and N. K. Chin and K. K. Loke gave a rousing display when they opposed each other in the Junior Men's Doubles semi-final. Displaying better combination and greater speed and accuracy in their strokes, Lam and Cheong triumphed in two sets, 15-12, 15-8. Chin and Loke were a little off-colour, losing several valuable points by over-lobbing.

Mrs. Margie Rozario again put up a plucky display this time against the title holder, Ulian Khoo, who, with a little more steadiness and experience would have probably snatched the first set. With her service she ran up two points, but the champion took the score to two-all. Margie again went to the lead at 4-2, 6-4 and then 7-5.

Ulian's coolness and court-craft, however, stood her in good stead as Margie cracked up after 8-all was called with two errors. A forehand cross cut drop by Ulian gave her the first set. Margie was all on the run in the second set, but could not make any headway after 3-all, as the champion got into her stride and with powerful backhand drives, and delicate drop shots carried the score to 11-4.

In spite of a plucky show by veteran Gordon Lum and Jimmy Koo, C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo of the Chinese YMCA had matters much their own way in the first Senior Men's Doubles match of the evening.

The other Senior Men's Doubles found E. H. Wong and R. Tay in one of their best forms, smashing and driving with effective results. Bill Funk and S. K. Howe were conspicuously off their usual brilliant form which they have shown during this season.

Full scores

Schoolboys' Doubles—K. Y. Tso (St. Paul's) and B. Saw (Asia) beat E. C. Y. Hsi and S. Hsi (Wah Kiu), 15-4, 15-4.

Junior Men's Doubles—S. F. Lam and S. K. Cheong (University), 15-12, 15-8.

Ladies' Singles—Miss U. Khoo (Chinese YMCA) beat Mrs. M. Rozario (Recreio), 11-9, 11-4.

Senior Men's Doubles—C. K. Lee and W. F. Foo (Chinese YMCA) beat G. Lum and J. Koo (Shallanders), 15-7, 15-9.

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Tonight's games

Colony Championships Semi-finals at Kowloon Cricket Club.

7.30 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles: K. Y. Tso (St. Paul's) v E. C. Y. Hsi (Wah Kiu).

8.00 p.m. Schoolboys' Singles: A. A. Dos Remedios (La Salle) v B. Saw (Asia).

8.30 p.m. Ladies' Doubles: Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. Tamworth (Shallanders) v Miss D. Ramsay and Miss J. Greenhalgh (Kowloon Dock).

9.00 p.m. Junior Mixed Doubles: A. D. Brown (St. Theresa's) and Mrs. M. Rozario (Recreio) v J. A. Soares and Mrs. J. A. Soares (St. Theresa's).

9.30 p.m. Senior Mixed Doubles: Robert Tay (Chinese YMCA) and Miss M. M. Ribeiro (Recreio) v C. K. Lee (Chinese YMCA) and Miss Y. Franco (Recreio).

FRIENDLY BASKETBALL GAME

In a friendly basketball game played on Wednesday at the European YMCA a combined team from the 95 Medical Regiment RA and 1st Battalion AEF beat the Chinese YMCA by 20 points to 32.

Top scorers for the Chinese "A" was L. M. Yu with eight points while for the combined team, Coleman scored 10.

A return game will be played tomorrow at the European YMCA beginning at 9 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S SOCCER RESULTS AT A GLANCE

First Division	
Commandos	0 Kit Chee 1
Second Division	
PCA	4 RAF 2
Club	1 News Vendors 3
University	2 Eastern 6
Police	2 Chinese AA 0
Kit Chee	5 Dockyard 0

Kit Chee score lucky 1-0 win over Commandos

In a fast and interesting First Division League soccer match at Sookunpoo yesterday, the Commandos, playing 10 men for a greater part of the game, went down to Kit Chee by the narrow margin of one goal to nil.

The Commandos played a hard game throughout and on the run of the play, deserved at least one point.

Locker, the Commando custodian, gave another sterling performance between the sticks and repeatedly earned all-round applause for the brilliant manner in which he dealt with difficult shots from all angles.

The Commando full-backs and halves also played a fine spilling game from start to finish, their robust methods doing much towards upsetting the smooth working of the Chinese forwards, who kept on switching positions in an attempt to upset the opposing defence.

The one weak link in the Commando side was the forward line, which practically fell to pieces after an injury to Watson, the centre-forward, necessitated his retiring from the game.

Score sheet blank

Both sides had their chances to score during the first half, but the interval came with the score sheet blank.

After the breather, Kit Chee attacked strongly and the Commando defence was given a gruelling time as the Chinese attack, assisted by its own defence, launched a series of relentless raids.

In the 17th minute of this half, a misunderstanding on the part of the Commando defence, which was apparently under the impression that Chu Wing-keung was off-side, allowed the latter to slip in and beat Locker from close range.

Kit Chee continued to dominate the exchanges, but the Commandos did not take matters lying down, but fought back gamely and tried desperately for the equalizer which never came.

The final whistle came with the ball in mid-field.

Commandos: Locker, Merrick, Lawless, Watts, Hayes, Saggars, Davies, Walker, Watson, Hunt and Weaver.

Kit Chee: Yu Yiu-tak, Hau Yung-sang, Tso Kam-hung, Lee Ping-chiu, Ng Ki-cheung, Kwok Ying-kee, Ho Ying-tun, Chu Wing-keung, Chang Kam-hoi, Yu Cheuk-yin and Lau Chung-sang.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

New York, March 22.

Exhibition baseball scores: Cleveland (American) 14, St. Louis (National) 6.

Chicago (National) 6, San Francisco (Pacific Coast) 5.

Cincinnati (National) 4, St. Louis (National) 1.

Detroit (American) 10, Philadelphia (National) 8.

Washington (American) 11, New York (American) 9.

Boston (American) 8, Boston (National) 4.

New York (National) 6, Pittsburgh (National) 2.—Associated Press.

INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS:

Ten records broken; P. McRae outstanding athlete of day

Ten records were broken at the Inter-School Athletic Sports Meet held at Caroline Hill yesterday.

Outstanding athlete of the day was undoubtedly P. McRae of King George V School. He won the 100 metres, 200 metres and the 110 High Hurdles, all in record time, and also placed third in the High Jump.

King George V School won, for the third time in succession, the Governor's Shield by gaining a total of 53 points in the Senior Division. They were closely followed by the Diocesan Boys' School with 46 points.

This is the best time so far recorded in the four trials which the two crews have undertaken. On their two previous trials Oxford took 20 mins. 50 secs. on the flood tide and 20 mins. 10 secs. on the ebb tide.

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Oxford crew put up splendid performance

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ARMY XV TO MEET HKFC ON SUNDAY

The following have been selected to represent the Army XV against Hong Kong Football Club at the Club ground, Happy Valley, on Sunday, March 26, at 4.30 p.m.

Lieut. G. H. Tomline (23 Fd. Regt. RA), Lieut. K. Gregson (KSLI), Captain C. R. Baldock (S. Staffords), Captain C. N. Claydon (HQ 28 Bde), Captain R. L. Gower (103 AOP Flt. RA), Captain R. F. K. Innes (KOSB), Major K. Goldschmidt (R. Leicesters), Lieut. R. Fairrie (A & SH), Lieut. G. H. Bucknall (Mx), C. S. M. Jennings (Mx), Sgt. McAdam (27 HAA Regt. RA), Sgt. Alexander (27 A/Tk Bty. RA), Lieut. P. Richardson (3 RTR), Sgt. Beasley (27 A/Tk Bty. RA), Lieut. H. Evans (Mx).

Reserves: Major K. H. S. Wilson, Sgt. Birch, Lieut. Williams, Captain Davin, Lieut. De Villiers, Lieut. McMillan-Scott.

It is rumoured that R. Stovell, the Royal Navy player, is endeavouring to raise a team to play the Commandos in a "curtain-raiser".

RUGGER RESULTS

London, March 22.

The following were the results of rugby games played today:

Rugby League: Wigan 16 Swinton 5; Leeds 19 Hull 10.

Rugby Union: Falmouth 6 Devonport Services 11; Hertfordshire 11; Eastern Counties Wanderers 13.—Reuter.

Results

The following are the results of the events:

Senior Division

100 Metres: 1. P. McRae (KGV); 2. S. Xavier (La Salle); 3. Lam Sheung-lim (Q.C.). (11.3 secs.) Record.

Going may be soft and heavy for Grand National

Liverpool, March 22.

Heavy rain marred the opening of the Spring meeting here today and unless strong winds and a warm sun come along the going for Saturday's big steeplechase, the world famous Grand National, will be soft and heavy.

This is what the bookmakers are hoping. Under such conditions, a rank outsider invariably wins.

The layers face a heavy settling if one of the better-backed candidates comes home, for the Lincolnshire winner, Dramatic, had been coupled with the leading fancies in Saturday's race in the "Spring Double".

Dramatic has already taken a lot of money out of the books and is one of the "Big Four"—Freebooter, Monaveen, Roimond and Cromwell—wins it is going to be tough on the bookmakers.

Just how difficult the Aintree course can be on a wet day and with soft conditions underfoot was shown today when in the two big steeplechases, only three out of seven runners did not fall in the first and only two out of 14 kept up in the second.

It does not look as if more than a handful of the 20,000 stivers will be on their feet at the end of Saturday's gruelling four and a half miles chase.

Some rank outsiders of the "punter" type are sure to be among them. Heavy going may not be to the liking of the Royal Broom Stewards, who have yet to

Masked Light impresses

Liverpool, March 22.

Masked Light, the winter favourite for the Two Thousand Guineas and the Epsom Derby, made an impressive first appearance of the season at the opening of the four-day Grand National meeting here today.

Starting a 7 to 4 on favourite in a field of five runners, he won the Union Jack Stakes over one mile by two lengths from the Age Khan's colt, a 100 to 7 chance, with the 6 to 1 second favourite, Fort of Light, three-quarters of a length away third.

Masked Light, ridden by Doug Smith, took up the running two and a half furlongs from home and, leading out in splendid style, won without being seriously challenged.—Reuter.

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Jumping into lead

Ku Man-wai of Wah Yan F. M. School jumped into the lead from the starting gun. The first lap was run in 64 seconds.

Lee Shu-chung of Wah Yan (AM) School, the eventual winner, kept closely behind and soon after the beginning of the second lap took the lead and never relinquished it.

Rounding the final bend into the straight, Ku began to lag and Chan Chi-kwan, finishing with a magnificent sprint, managed to take second place.

The time for the race was two minutes and 16.7 seconds, which bettered the previous record of two minutes and 23.4 seconds.

The time also bettered that of the Senior Division race. Queen's College brought off a surprise win in the sprint relay and at the same time created a new record of 47.4 seconds, bettering the old record held by King George V School by 1.2 seconds.

The team comprised of Lam Sham-lim, Lo Yiu-kwan, Yau Tat-hei and Chan Chun-yung.

Distance Relay (4 x 400 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Lam Sham-lim, Lo Yiu-kwan, Yau Tat-hei and Chan Chun-yung); 2. King George V School; 3. Diocesan Boys' School. (47.5 secs.) Record.

100 Metres High Hurdles: 1. P. McRae (KGV); 2. J. S. Davis (KGV); 3. Wong Wai-yuen (LS). (17.9 secs.) Record.

Distance Relay (4 x 400 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Lam Sham-lim, Lo Yiu-kwan, Yau Tat-hei and Chan Chun-yung); 2. King George V School; 3. Diocesan Boys' School. (47.5 secs.) Record.

100 Metres: 1. P. McRae (KGV); 2. J. S. Davis (KGV); 3. Wong Wai-yuen (LS). (17.9 secs.) Record.

Champions: King George V School—53 points. Runners-up: Diocesan Boys' School—46 points.

100 Metres: 1. Ho Cho-man (DBS); 2. Jackson Lee (LS); 3. Cheng Man-ching (DBS). (11.7 secs.) Record.

High Jump: 1. Ng Ming-sum (Q.C.); 2. F. Chang (DBS); 3. G. Thum (LS). Height: 5 feet 11 ins.

100 Metres: 1. Lo Wing-chun (LS); 2. M. Gutierrez (LS); 3. Ng Lee-wai (SFC). (17.3 secs.) Record.

Shot Put: 1. C. Ramsey (DBS); 2. Yeung Ying-kon (Wah Yan AM); 3. Lam Chi-lit (LS). Dist. 39 feet 17 ins.

Sprint Relay (4 x 100 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Cheng Man-ching, Ho Cho-man, Norman Oel and Ho Cho-man); 2. Wah Yan AM College; 3. Government Vernacular Middle School. (48.4 secs.) Record.

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Sprint Relay (4 x 100 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Cheng Man-ching, Ho Cho-man, Norman Oel and Ho Cho-man); 2. Wah Yan AM College; 3. Government Vernacular Middle School. (48.4 secs.) Record.

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Shot Put: 1. C. Ramsey (DBS); 2. Yeung Ying-kon (Wah Yan AM); 3. Lam Chi-lit (LS). Dist. 39 feet 17 ins.

Sprint Relay (4 x 100 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Cheng Man-ching, Ho Cho-man, Norman Oel and Ho Cho-man); 2. Wah Yan AM College; 3. Government Vernacular Middle School. (48.4 secs.) Record.

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Sprint Relay (4 x 100 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Cheng Man-ching, Ho Cho-man, Norman Oel and Ho Cho-man); 2. Wah Yan AM College; 3. Government Vernacular Middle School. (48.4 secs.) Record.

110 Metres Low Hurdles: 1. Cheng Man-ching (DBS); 2. Ho Cho-man (Wah Yan AM); 3. Fung Kiu-yun (CYMS). Dist. 19 feet 10 ins. Record.

100 Metres: 1. Lo Wing-chun (LS); 2. M. Gutierrez (LS); 3. Ng Lee-wai (SFC). (17.3 secs.) Record.

Shot Put: 1. C. Ramsey (DBS); 2. Yeung Ying-kon (Wah Yan AM); 3. Lam Chi-lit (LS). Dist. 39 feet 17 ins.

Sprint Relay (4 x 100 metres): 1. Diocesan Boys' School (Cheng Man-ching, Ho Cho-man, Norman Oel and Ho Cho-man); 2. Wah Yan AM College; 3. Government Vernacular Middle School. (48.4 secs.) Record.

110 Metres Low Hurd